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BALTIC AIR SEARCH GOES ON

HOPE OF FINDING CREW VIRTUALLY ABANDONED

Copenhagen, Apr. 14. — The United States Air Force has virtually abandoned hope for the ten men missing since last Saturday aboard the Navy Privateer plane, but ordered full-scale search in the Baltic to go on.

Search headquarters announced at mid-afternoon that ten of the B-25 search planes have been ordered to return to their home bases. But the statement was retracted ten minutes later, when it was announced that undiminished "maximum effort" had been ordered.

It is understood here that the decision to reduce the search was countermanded by the "highest United States Air Force quarters," possibly in Washington.

The 7th Rescue Squadron will keep 20 to 25 planes patrolling the Baltic.

The belief is growing that the unnamed four-engine Privateer aircraft crashed and sank in the Baltic without a trace after being fired upon by Soviet fighters. The Russians claimed the plane had flown over the Soviet Republic of Latvia.

Moscow said yesterday that the missing Privateer was the plane on which its fighters had shot down a B-25 bomber.

An Air Force spokesman said almost all hope has been abandoned of finding the missing crew alive. Some 60,000 square miles of the Baltic, from Denmark east to within 20 miles of the coast of Latvia, have been covered four times, without turning up a clue as to the fate of the Privateer. Some believe the explosion was caused by a lighted match or by chemical in the toilet.

Officials, however, have declined to comment pending a full investigation into the mystery. — Reuter.

GRAVE CONCERN

Washington, Apr. 14. — The State Department said today that Czechoslovakia was pressing a "deliberately planned propaganda attack" against the United States Embassy in Prague. It said this situation caused "grave concern." — United Press.

EDITORIAL

Profits Out Of All Proportion

THE announcement that a Government appointed committee is to consider and advise on practical methods of reducing the retail price of fish will give comfort to thousands of consumers if they seriously believe that positive action will be taken. Few of the factors dominating the situation are contestable. Firstly, and astonishingly but for reasons fairly clear to all interested, fish imported from Britain is cheaper in the market than are the daily catches from a first-class fishing zone like the waters bounding Hongkong. Secondly, the wholesale market figures bear no sound economic relation to the cost to the consumer. In spite of the Government's declared opinion that forty percent gross profit should be more than adequate return for the retailer, the average is close to 100 percent when it does not exceed that. Remembering how vociferously the laity fought the official scheme originally, and how quietly they settled subsequently to acquiescence, the conclusion to be drawn presents no difficulty. The operators have neatly adjusted themselves to present-day conditions. The fishing community is satisfied, the middlemen rest in content, and the idea of grievance and complaint occurs only to the consumer. For middlemen, the wholesale market offers no complications; it is, on the contrary, a distinct asset. Auction purchases are confined to a single enclosure, the creation of an effective ring is simplified, and with the ring comes easy understanding that members do not descend to the level of splittling outbidding one another. The operative principle compares with that of contractors tendering for Government building work. What is the answer? When the Government, appointing its committee, wishes it to be made clear from

the outset that it is committed to a policy of encouraging fishermen's co-operatives, witting or unwitting it points the solution. From the moment it is accepted that the key is to be found in breaking down the disparity between what the fishermen receive and what the consumer has to pay, progress becomes hopeful. Government's insistence that the wholesale fish market scheme has been of real service to the fishing community is conceded, but quite irrelevant. The complaint is not that fishermen earn too much but that retail prices are too high. To alter that, the Government's commitment to foster fishermen's co-operatives furnishes a constructive suggestion, connected with the art of killing two birds with one stone. Co-operatives do not imply the necessity of creating organisations to provide bulk supplies to middlemen. All the way through its processes seeking to improve the lot of fishermen and market gardeners, Government has stalled mid-way and failed in what also should be a primary objective, stabilising the cost of living as far as possible. Faced with its own admission that price reduction might be effected, readiness to go the whole hog should today be axiomatic. The simplest method of cutting excessive profits is a combination co-operative, embodying both supply and retail branches. Build the co-operative system with a clear understanding that its activities will ultimately cover the field from the catching of fish to disposal in the retail market. The only alternative, if results are demanded, would be strict control of all market prices and profit margins, and yet another expensive inspectorate. Self-control has had its opportunity; reform in that department would prove a futile pursuit.

The Spanish Armada Treasure



The Duke of Argyll and his son the Marquis of Lorne chatting to a diver when they visited naval vessels used in the operations intended to get the treasure aboard the galleon *Floresca*. First reward of the search, reported today, has been modern style empty beer bottles. (London Express Service).

GREEKS TO TRY AGAIN

Athens, Apr. 14. — General Nicholas Plastiras, strong man of Greek politics today agreed to try to form a new Government.

King Paul called him in after 50-year-old Sophocles Venizelos, Liberal Premier, handed in the resignation of his three-week old Cabinet.

The United States Ambassador here recently called for a stable government to make the best use of American aid. General Plastiras and his dissident Liberal Party won 45 seats in last month's general election. M. Venizelos and the orthodox Liberals got 56 seats, and formed a one-Party Government.

General Plastiras may draw the four centre parties together. — Reuter.

Astounding Story Revealed In American Spy Trial

Garmische, Bavaria, Apr. 14. — Gustav Adolf Mueller, a 19-year-old American Air Force corporal, appeared before an American Court-Martial here today charged with "attempted espionage in favour of a foreign power."

During the hearing the "foreign power" was named by the Prosecution and witnesses as the Soviet Union.

The small, neatly dressed corporal joined the Air Force two and a half years ago. A German post office official of Garmische told the Court that Mueller posted a telegram to the Soviet Consulate at Berne early in October last year, asking to be put into contact with Russian citizens.

The post office official said he did not despatch the telegram but notified the American authorities.

An American Counter Intelligence Corps agent said, as a witness, that the CIC Headquarters sent Mueller, alias Watson (the sender's name given on Mueller's telegram), a dummy reply dated Berne, announcing the arrival of two Soviet Russians at Garmische for October 6. The substitutes were CIC agents.

The two witnesses said they asked Mueller why he wanted to carry out espionage work for the Soviet Union. They told the Court that Mueller replied: "I refuse to take any money as I have been a convinced Communist since my youth. My father fought side by side with Lenin in 1917."

Mueller, who hardly spoke a word during today's proceedings, had told the Court earlier that he was of Swiss origin. He also said he had been assigned to the American Armed Forces' intelligence school at Oberammergau, near here, when the alleged incidents related by the witnesses had occurred.

DOCUMENTS

The two "special agents" stated today that they asked Mueller on October 6 whether he had any access to secret documents.

Mueller said he had, and on their request promised to supply such the next day, the witnesses said.

They met again the next day at a hotel here, with three other CIC agents making notes of their conversation from the adjoining room.

According to the evidence, Mueller handed over several documents, one of which was secret and one confidential. The secret one was said to refer to sabotage activities against the Soviet occupying power carried out by Soviet Zone Germans.

"Struggle In Asia Will Last Generation Or More" Democratic Peoples' Policy

Spy Suspect Shot Dead Through Door

Hamburg, Apr. 14. — A British field security police captain last night shot dead through a locked door a Polish civilian suspected of spying for a foreign power, a usually reliable source told Reuter today.

The man's name was given as Junjag Nalewowski.

The police said that they found German, as well as Polish, identity papers on him. A British Army public relations official said earlier that the captain entered a civilian flat to interrogate him.

The civilian was said to have attacked the captain, thrown him out and locked the door. When the captain failed to open the door, he fired six shots through the door, it was stated.

When the door was unlocked later, the British police found the civilian killed by the shots. The captain was later arrested. — Reuter.

Under Review BRITISH RECOGNITION OF PEKING TO STAY

London, Apr. 14. — The weekly Economist, in a special article entitled "Policy for Asia," said today that the forthcoming conference of Commonwealth representatives at Sydney should include Americans.

"The struggle in Asia will be long. Free nations are accepting a challenge that will last a generation or more. But if their co-operation must last over decades it must begin to be effective at once."

The Western powers have done little more than to recognise that a policy for Asia is necessary. It praised

the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, for making the American bi-partisan foreign policy a major concern of the Administration because it would serve to resolve unfortunate division between Democrats and Republicans.

It said that on this bipartisan American policy the closest possible co-operation must be built between the United States and the Commonwealth as the first essential to the success of a Western policy in Asia.

"Mr. Acheson has expressed interest in the Commonwealth conference which is to meet in Sydney next month to discuss economic assistance to South-east Asia to which other interested powers, such as Holland and France, are apparently to be invited."

LEOPOLD PLANS BROADCAST

Brussels, Apr. 14. — King Leopold of the Belgians, whose insistence on returning to his country after five years' exile precipitated the month-old Belgian Government crisis, will broadcast to the nation tomorrow.

This surprise development in the constitutional deadlock was announced shortly after M. Paul Van Zeeland, Catholic and pro-Leopold Premier-designate, had flown back to Brussels from two days' talks with the King near Geneva.

M. Van Zeeland was carrying a communique from King Leopold, according to circles close to the Belgian Cabinet.

He had spent eight hours with the King today, their third talk in 48 hours.

Belgium's Government crisis follows last month's referendum, in which the King had a majority of votes on the question of his return from the exile, which began with the liberation of Belgium from the Germans.

Liberals in the Coalition Government in power at the time of the referendum opposed a Catholic proposal to call a joint session of the two Houses to make the final decision.

The Government resigned and since then the country has had only a caretaker administration which has been unable to find a way out of the deadlock. — Reuter.

CHINA RECOGNITION

The Foreign Office said today that despite the difficulties of establishing diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communist Government the British had no intention of withdrawing its recognition of the Peking regime.

Britain recognised the Peking government on January 6th but diplomatic relations have not yet been established.

Informed sources said the only contact the British representative is able to make with the Chinese Government is through the Embassy of a Soviet satellite power.

Members of the Lords and Commons are planning to raise the question of Britain's relations with China when the Parliament reconvenes next week. — United Press.

Bolivia Govt Resigns

Buenos Aires, Apr. 14. — The Government of Bolivia resigned today after handing over to a military junta, according to La Paz Radio, heard here.

No confirmation of this report has so far been received. — Reuter.

Britain Sets Records

London, Apr. 15. — Britain's exports last month reached a new record of £183,300,000—five percent above the previous highest figure in January.

At the same time imports were at £221,300,000.

Giving these figures today, the British Board of Trade said that in the first three months of this year Britain imported £70,100,000 worth more goods than she sent abroad. — Reuter.

Teargas In Canadian Bush Drama

Quesnel, British Columbia, Apr. 14. — A French-Canadian youth, who had boasted he never would be taken alive, was captured in the dense bush country today hiding behind the 15-year-old girl he was accused of abducting.

The capture climaxed an intermittent teargas and gun battle which had lasted through the night.

Beat Legace, 19, shoved the girl in front of him when 20 provincial police were led to their hiding place by the barking of her pet dog. He shoved a rifle into her hands and urged her to shoot. She threatened the officers and was wounded in the knee when the police tried to nick Legace.

Legace and the girl, whose name the police would not divulge, ran out of their cabin hideout, 10 miles west of here, before daybreak after the police had tossed teargas bombs into the hut.

The police had failed to find them in the dense bush for three hours until the pet dog the girl had with her barked. The police said the two were armed with a .22 rifle and two knives.

The girl was only slightly injured. The youngsters were brought back to Quesnel. The girl was taken to hospital and the boy gaoled on abduction charges. The police said further charges would be laid against Legace and possibly against the girl. — United Press.

Suicide Of Actor's Wife

Beacon, N.Y., Apr. 14. — Frances Seymour Fonda, 42, wife of the actor Henry Fonda, was found dead with her throat slashed today in Craig House sanatorium here.

Mrs. Fonda had been a patient at the sanatorium since she suffered a nervous breakdown, but was believed to have been making a good recovery and her discharge from the sanatorium was expected soon. — United Press.

Lie Bid To End The U.N. Impasse

Lake Success, Apr. 14. — The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie said today that he would probably go to Moscow next month. There is "something of importance" to discuss with the Kremlin in connection with the deadlock in the world organisation, he said.

He made it clear at his Press conference that no final decision has been made for him to visit the Soviet capital during a three-week trip to Europe. But he announced that Konstantin Zinchenko, the Russian Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Security Council affairs, would accompany him to Europe because "if the trip to Moscow should be arranged, he would be helpful on that trip."

The burly Norwegian said he planned to visit the foreign ministries in London and Paris for consultations with the French Minister, M. Robert Schuman, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, if the latter's health permits.

"If Generalissimo Stalin is in Moscow, I probably will see him."

"If I have time and deem it necessary, I will inform the Foreign Office in Moscow that I am in Europe, if they want to see me or I want to see them. In Paris or Geneva I will decide whether to go to Moscow."

Despite his preparations for exhaustive talks in Europe, Mr. Lie held little hope for a quick settlement of the United Nations impasse, centred about the Soviet demand to oust the Chinese Nationalists in favour of Mao Tse-tung's Communists.

"As far as I can judge," Mr. Lie said, "the Chinese situation is unchanged. The deadlock is there, and I can't see any positive way in which the question can be solved at this time or within the next five or six weeks. I still hope the question can be solved before the next meeting of the General Assembly." That will be in September. — United Press.

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The Film Resurrection of Margaret Lockwood

SHOW TALK by HAROLD CONWAY

This month will be critical for Margaret Lockwood. She will make her first appearance in a film studio after an absence of well over a year. A year is a long time away—particularly for our No. 1 film star. (Still, I think Miss Lockwood has increased her reputation as an actress by going on the stage for a year.) What is Mr Rank going to do with Miss Lockwood now?

COWBOYS ARE PRETTY FINE FELLOWS

SAYS MELROSE GOWER

Many movie stars suffer from a temperamental times. Certainly, they have their wrangles with directors. They high-tail their fellow players occasionally. But, there's one movie idol whose feet aren't clay, and whose pay isn't hay—the man who stars in Westerns.

Jack Buckel, John Wayne, Ben Johnson, Randy Scott, Tim Holt, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Bill Boyd, George "Gabby" Hayes—such men are "solid"; never cause a bit of trouble. Why?

CITY MEN

Well, some may say, cowboys are naturally pretty fine fellows, earnest, hard-working and all that. That's true, but these Western stars didn't get their schooling in manners from early life on the range. Jack Buckel started his youthful labours as a clerk in a Dallas, Tex., insurance agency. Tim Holt, descendant of such old Southern families as the Marshalls and the Breckinridges, was born in Hollywood and broke into pictures when he was ten years old. John Wayne, son of an Iowa druggist, was a motion picture property man. Randy Scott, born of wealthy parents and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, toured Europe for a year before he became an actor. Roy Rogers worked in an Ohio shoe factory, picked peaches, drove a sand and gravel dump truck. Bill Boyd drilled oil wells, sold automobiles, clerked in a grocery store. Gene Autry was an Oklahoma railroad telegraph operator.

No, it's neither heredity nor early environment that makes so-called "cowboy" stars big-hearted, kindly men, the best-loved men in Hollywood. It's their present association with the mighty men of letters, the supporting players in these operas.

The supporting players and extras in other types of films are not always gentlemen. They're ambitious; often rather selfish; they do a little throat-cutting here and there; a little stabbing in the back; a little hogging of the camera.

FAITHFULLY AND WELL

But the men who support the stars of Western pictures have only one ambition—to do faithfully and well any job asked of them. They seek no publicity, desire none. They are men who grew up on the cattle ranges of the old West, men who have faced the fierce competition of America's blindest rodeos; quiet men, loyal to their friends.

There's Harry Willingham, who from 1919 to 1922 was foreman of the Palomas Land and Cattle Company in Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, an outfit that grazed 100,000 cattle on 2,500,000 acres.

There is Frank McCarroll, former champion bulldogger of the world. Three times at Madison Square Garden, three in Chicago, twice at Fort Worth, once at Pendleton, again at Cheyenne this range veteran defeated the best the West could send against him.

Count in, also, Andy Jaurague, one-time holder of the world's cut and steer roping championship. A ranch owner now but still a cowboy.

A quiet little man in the east is Lewis Morphy, quiet and trustworthy. He's the only man most of California's cowboys will let shoot a cigarette from their lips while "Morphy" is on the back of a horse.

Yes, and there's Buck Buckle, once a top hand with the big Pyramid Stock and Land Company, of Nevada; Card Arnold, champion steer roper from New Mexico; Harry Lodge, champion bronc rider from Newhall, California; Dick Farnsworth, who won the bareback riding championship in five out of seven consecutive rodeos, and was second in the two others.

From constant association with men such as these the city-bred stars of Western pictures learn simplicity, dignity, courage and a sense of honest hospitality.

can goodwill towards British pictures. Last year a British production, "Hamlet," got the top award. Several influential members of the "Oscar" committee promptly resigned—after carefully explaining that "Hamlet" had nothing to do with their gesture. This year there has been no hitch. American cinemagoers have been assured that British film achievements do not reach the prize-winning class.

Goodwill? Not Likely!

BRITISH nominations for an "Oscar" included Carol Reed's "The Third Man," Sir Ralph Richardson's performance in "The Heiress"—voted by New York critics as the year's best, Richard Todd in "The Hasty Heart." All were ignored. American goodwill? Not if the American film trade can help it. Moral for our own studios concentrate on pleasing the home and Empire market—you'll never beat the Hollywood machine.

The Anxious Mr Kaye

DANNY Kaye's visit to London—for the West End premiere of his new film, "The Inspector General"—sounds like reminder-advertising to me. Transatlantic reports have

WHAT'S NEXT?



Jean Simmons, all of 21 now, looks into the future. What's next? Hongkong has yet to see her in "Adam and Eve," acclaimed by European critics as the best comedy of 1949.

But Jean is a serious girl, a contention that this portrait supports. She prefers drama and she has considerable scope for her dramatic talent as the T.B. patient in Somerset Maugham's "Sanatorium," one of the three pieces of Maughamiana that make up "Trio," the successor to "Quartet." The film is just about to be completed at Pinewood Studios.

What's Jean's next. Her choice is "Precious Bane," in which she wants to play Mary Webb's hare-lipped heroine.

Cashing In On The Spy Scare

First film producer to cash in on the current spy scare wave is Russian-born Paul Soskin. Having just completed "Waterfront" at Pinewood, he has now bought Llewellyn Hughes's "Paid In Full."

This story, serialised in "The American" magazine bears, "an uncanny resemblance to current events," says Soskin.

The producer bought the story as soon as Fuchs was arrested and hopes to get it into production at Pinewood soon. Because "Paid In Full" is the title of a recent American release, Soskin has had to find another name for his film. Inspired by a newspaper headline, he has chosen "Escape to Death."

Soskin hopes that Glenn Ford will play the lead. Although Ford is contracted to Columbia he is free to make one independent film a year. During a recent trip to England he met Soskin and said he would like to have first option on the producer's next picture. A treatment of "Escape to Death" has therefore been sent to him in Hollywood.

A naturalised British subject, Paul Soskin entered the film industry on 1930. He is managing director of his own production company, Conqueror Films Ltd. His pictures include "Quiet Wedding" and "The Weaker Sex." "Waterfront," his most recent subject, starring Kathleen Harrison, Robert Newton, Susan Shaw, Richard Burton and Avis Scott, deals with Liverpool dockside life.



MARGARET LOCKWOOD
As she was in Cardboard Cavalier—her last West End film.

suggested that Kaye has been slipping slightly with American audiences. And in London there is competition in the air. So far as television's Milton Berle is concerned Kaye need not worry. Berle has proved a decided flop in his first starring film.

But Danny Thomas—who has just opened at the Palladium—is another matter altogether. Thomas can give Kaye a well-matched battle.

Job for Miss Burrell

SWIFT change of fortune for vivacious Sheila Burrell—who came from Dublin (and that Abduction play) to act the witchy wife in "Dark of the Moon" last year.

A few days ago Miss Burrell, playing Anne Boleyn on tour, learned that the play was not coming into London—and that she was out of a job.

Now she has been given the star female role—a kind of Parisian Trilby—in "The Man With The Umbrella," which comes to the Duchess.

French dramatist Louis Ducreux wrote this curious mixture of fantasy, satire and drama. It has been awaiting a West End production for a year, ever since its try-out at Windsor Repertory Theatre.

Britons for Broadway

BROADWAY producers obviously do not share the Hollywood view—that British stars are box-office poison to American audiences.

An all-West End company, headed by Alec Guinness, has carried T. S. Eliot's play, "The Cocktail Party," to fashionable triumph in New York.

In preparation for its Broadway production, "Black Chiffon" has shortly to finish its London run—since the American management insist on Flora Robson and the rest of the Westminster cast going over with it.

Now the American impresario, Shepard Traube, has been on a flying visit to London—to recruit an all-British cast for a Broadway production of Aldous Huxley's "The Gioconda Smile."

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You can still save this marriage!



"I am 40, married for 20 years, have two children. I have spent the last four months in hospital. I flirted and even made love to a nurse there. I am now leaving hospital."

NONE of us goes through life without making friends with people of both sexes. It is seldom that these friendships are wrong in themselves. The danger point comes when a friendship develops in such a way that it threatens the happiness of those to whom we are already committed.

The whole lives of your wife and children are built round you. You are responsible that their trust in you, on which all affection is based, remains inviolate.

Can't you see that your nurse's professional honour would condemn her? The moral conflict in her mind would surely invade her normal nursing duties, and her patients would suffer.

Any woman who has unusual and privileged access to a man who has physical strength and will power are at their lowest ebb of responsibility. Engaged or married, the danger of this friendship is very grave, because you can talk of your marriage as "monotonous," and you are disappointed with your home.

The signals have turned red; you must take yourself violently in hand, before it is too late.

When you go home, set about asking yourself why your marriage is monotonous. After 20 years it should be becoming a very happy and deeply satisfying achievement.

Have you failed? Has your wife? Talk it over with her, and let both be frank with each other.

See a wise marriage counselor together, and learn how you can begin afresh with a confidence in each other all the deeper because of what you both have been through these past four months.

The dilemma of the children

"I have not seen or heard of my wife for 20 years. My solicitor informs me that I can get an order from the court to presume her dead, and be free to marry again. My wife-to-be is a Catholic and quite ignorant of my life in a Church of England church, but she has been told that if she does she will get a divorce in London, not with the able to take Communion. What might I do?"

WHEN two people marry, and they belong to different religious persuasions, serious problems at once arise. That is why both the Roman Catholic and the Church of England authorities so severely discourage the practice.

Take the children. They grow up to find that on the spiritual level father and mother go different ways. They are forced to take sides in their own mind. It is a cruel dilemma into which to place an affectionate child.

If father or mother leaves the religious training of the children to the other partner the damage is worse. The conflict in the children is increased, for now (let us say) father doesn't bother with religion, and mother is keen. They can't both be right!

If both father and mother don't bother at all, and so hope to save the children's mental conflict, what happens? They go to school, only to find that they are "queer" among children brought up, on the whole, as Christians.

All this you must consider before making a mixed marriage. If you still intend to go ahead, remember that you must each respect your partner's religious beliefs and disciplines.

Many have changed their Churches and have found a solution to their problems this way. But such a step must be one of moral conviction, and not a superficial escape from a spiritual dilemma.

—(London Express Service)



"No wonder your country's on the way out—1950 and still using oars." London Express Service

I hunted for treasures on Fossil Island

Bernard Wicksteed has a last look at DARKEST AFRICA

Rusinga, Lake Victoria.

ALL the best explorers eventually stumble on a "Lost World" full of strange people or extinct animals. So I thought that before leaving Darkest Africa I ought to do the same.

There are, undoubtedly, unknown animals still to be found in Africa, but inquiries showed that I might easily spend the rest of my life looking for them and still not succeed.

So when I heard of a scientific expedition setting out to an island of fossilised animals on Lake Victoria I attached myself to that as an alternative.

After all, fossilised creatures are just as extinct as those you find in a lost world, and they are much less dangerous.

Tortoises the size of cars

SO here I am, the first white reporter ever to set foot on Rusinga, the fabulous island of fossils in Central Africa.

Twenty-five million years ago (which was only the other day, geologically speaking) the island was part of the shore of an ancient lake to which animals came down to drink.

There were tortoises the size of 8 h.p. cars. (Though not so fast, it is as fast as a mouse but as fierce as a lion.)

There were hyenas that stood as high as a man, with jaws that could crack open the bones of an elephant, hedgehogs that couldn't curl up, and a thing like a guinea pig as big as a deersley.

Leading over them all were ten of thousands of apes, different from any known today, with teeth that were half animal, half human.

They lived in a world rich in fruit trees and nuts. There

were melons, apricots, peaches, cherries, peas, beans, and a spice like nutmeg. And if the diet ever gave the apes, tummy ache there were plenty of banana pods for the picking.

Until the discovery of Rusinga scientists believed that Asia was the original home of the ape. Now they know there was an older and more golden ape-age in Africa.

There are fossils on the island wherever you tread—bones from the forebears of the lion and the leopard the rhino, and the hippo.

Parts of more than 200 apes have been found, including an almost complete skull now in the British Museum.

Sometimes there were sudden disasters in this ancient world. In one sun-baked patch of crumbling rock Leakey and his fossil hunters came on the remains of ten rodents, three anteaters and a hedgehog, caught by some prehistoric flood and drowned together.

Near it is Leakey Corner, where calamity overcame a colony of wood lice. More than 100 of their fossils have been found (three of them by me), and there are probably thousands more for the searching.

Some clumsy ancestor of the modern elephant may have pushed their tree into the water or perhaps a naughty ape-boy picked them out from under the bark and threw them into the lake, one by one.

There's a place they call the Garden of Eden, a patch no more than 30 yards square, where the seeds of more than 70 kinds of fruit and nut trees have been turned to stone.

A plague of snails

EVERY time the researchers look it over they find something new, though so far no one has discovered a fossilised groundnut.

There were roses in the garden, too, because I myself found some fossilised rose thorns.

The only trouble about the place from the gardener's view-point was the plague of snails. There were millions of them.

They were trying to ram the

ATOM DEFENCE: AMERICA CAUGHT NAPPING

By Frederick Cook

New York.

AMERICA is lagging far behind Britain in her plans for defence in the atomic age. An atomic Pearl Harbour tomorrow would catch most American cities not only without any defences at all, but without any plans.

Scientists have constantly warned that civilian defence in atomic war would mean every-one over 15 taking part.

Yet hardly anyone living in New York, Philadelphia, Washington or Chicago has the slightest idea what might happen or what to do should attack come.

Apparently it is assumed that "there will be plenty of time" and that there will be allies "on the other side" who once again will stand between America and the first blows.

One of the very few States to have created a Civil Defence Corps somewhat on the lines of the last war's ARP is New Jersey.

There, Governor Alfred Driscoll has ordered a skeleton organisation with key men in each important community. They are to be trained how to handle the civilians in the event of war.

His order followed a "civil defence test" some weeks ago, which proved a frightening failure.

State authorities ordered American Red Cross and New Jersey Civil Air Patrol units to take part in an exercise which pre-supposed that everything within 10 miles of New York had been destroyed.

NEVER ARRIVED

Everything within 15 miles was supposed to be fatally radioactive.

Fifty aeroplanes were to appear at dawn to pick up survivors.

Half of them arrived late in the afternoon. The rest never arrived at all. Mobile radio units failed completely, jammed with messages from various control points. Ambulance drivers hung around all day with nowhere to go.

—(London Express Service)

SATURDAY AT THE DIAMOND HORSESHOE

The waiter believed in mind over menu

by BILLY ROSE

SAUERBRATEN, I'd like to explain for the benefit of the gastronomically uneducated, is the East Side equivalent of ambrosia, and when served properly this meat dish is usually swimming in a golden brown gravy, flanked by potato pancakes—those heavenly derivatives of the lovely spud.

Well, the other Thursday, tortured by a craving for this delicacy, I loaded my pockets with bicarbonate and trekked down to a certain restaurant on the East Side which, with the possible exception of Luchow's, serves the only sauerbraten in New York worth a second drool.

The dinner rush was over by the time I arrived, and a waiter with a face like raincloud leather plopped a bottle of seltzer in front of me, an assortment of breads and four pieces of pig-iron cutlery wrapped in a napkin.

Then, without waiting for me to order, he disappeared into the kitchen. Ten minutes later he returned, and set a steaming platter of sauerbraten in front of me.

I was about to dig in when it occurred to me that I hadn't ordered—or had I?

Could it be that, absorbed by my craving, I had muttered "sauerbraten" while he was setting the table? Had I doctored the word on the cloth?

When the waiter brought the coffee, I said, "How did you know what I wanted?"

"I been workin' here twenty-five years."

"But how could you tell?"

"By looking at you."

"I didn't think it showed," I said.

"Okay, now you know. You don't want no dessert so here's your check."

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This time, however, instead of hot-footing it to the kitchen, the tray-footer gave me the slow up-and-down.

"Make up, please the decision," he said. "Roast duck no or sauerbraten yes?"

"Sauerbraten, yes," I said meekly.

"Let me in on the secret," I said, when the meal was over. "How do you do it?"

"Hard to put a finger on it precisely," he said. "Mainly, it's a lot of little small things."

"When you're in the business long enough, comes a time you know what it means when a customer's nose shivers or, say, he drools a couple drops like he's thinking about something juicy."

"Or take when a vegetarian comes in he looks kinda disinterested in food to begin with, and you get an idea by the way the corner of his mouth lifts whether he's thinking of sour cream."

"DON'T you ever make mistakes and get in trouble?" I said.

"Mistakes I don't make, but trouble I once got into. Last year two of our customers got married—the lady a vegetarian and the man a steak-and-egg type."

"When they came in for a meal after the honeymoon, I naturally went to the kitchen and brought out a salad for the wife and a big steak for the husband. When the wife saw the steak, right away she began to yell."

"You lied to me," she said. "I married you with the definite understanding no more meat."

"The waiter made some terrible kind mistake," said her husband. "I was thinking about a salad same like you."

"My mind must have been some place elsewhere," I excused myself to the couple. So I took back the steak while the husband's eyes followed like a laundry dog, and then I brought him on a plate a whole head cabbage, unstuffed, and told him, "Enjoy."

His story finished, the waiter scooped up his tip and switched off the neon sign in the window. "Is time now I should have a little bite something myself," he said.

I studied his face and tried to figure out by the drop of his underlip what he was going to eat, but his face wasn't talking—at least to me.

"What're you going to have?" I finally asked.

"I don't know," said the waiter. "I can't make up my mind."

—(London Express Service)



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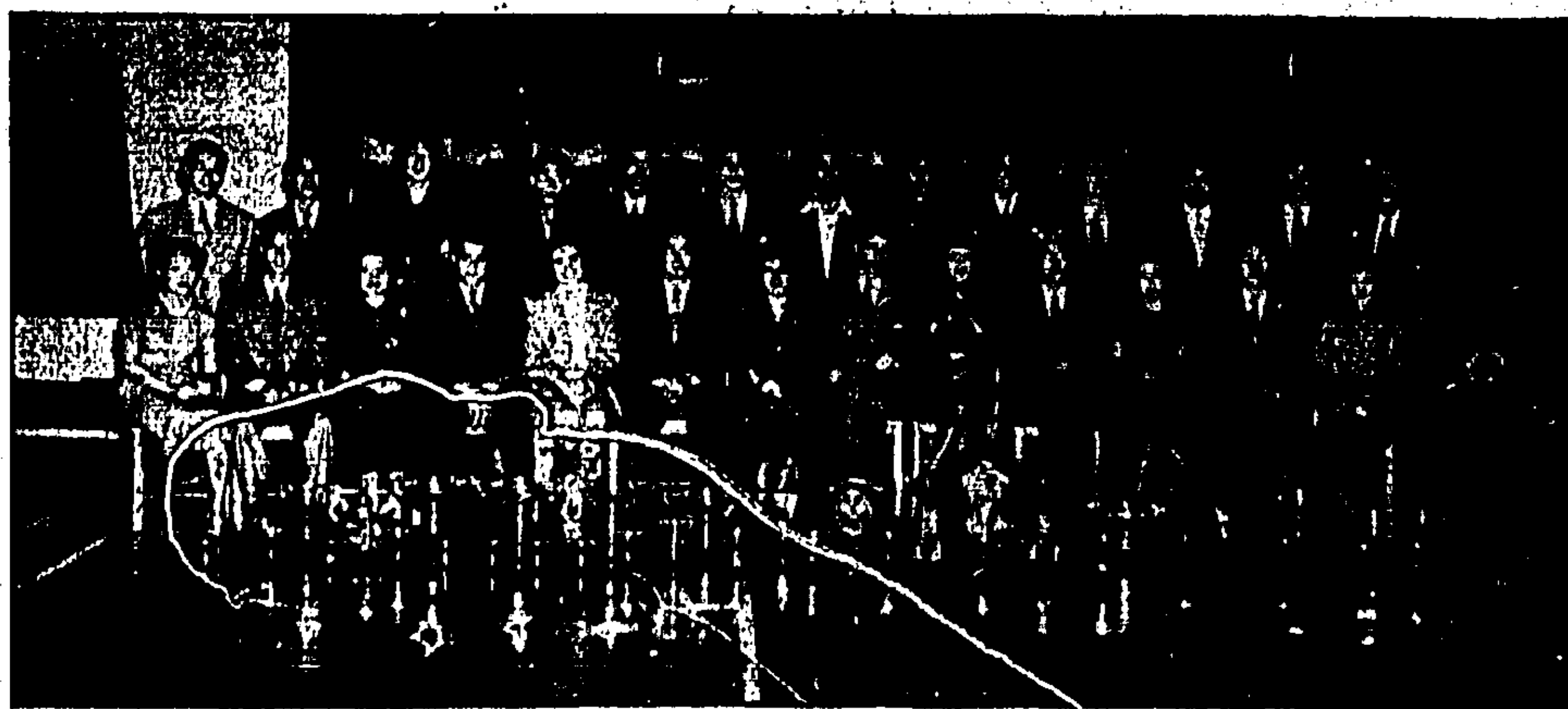


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THE finals of the Colony's open badminton championships were played off at the Kowloon Cricket Club last week, when His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham were interested spectators. Above is a group of trophy winners and officials of the Badminton Association. Left: Lady Grantham distributing prizes. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR F. C. Clemo (seated centre), this year's President of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, with his new Committee. (Golden Studio)



MR Peter Mo and his bride, formerly Miss Barbara Holona Falkingham. They were married at St Stephen's Church, Bonham Road, last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PHOTOGRAPH taken after the Easter Monday wedding at St John's Cathedral of Mr Paul Edward Court and Miss Dolores Ann Owen Hughes. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Party given at Stonecutters by the Agreement Men's Mess, H.M. Dockyard, to bid farewell to Mr T. Bird on his return to the United Kingdom by the ss Carthage, which left yesterday. (Jimmy Foo)



MR George Cecil Yow and Miss Lily Loung, whose wedding took place at the Registry last week. Mr Yow is chief interpreter of the Tenancy Tribunal. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE 3rd Commando Brigade Inter-Unit rifle moot took place at Stonecutters last week. Here are three pictures taken on the occasion. In centre of picture on the left is Sgt. W. Mortiboy, who carried off the individual championship. Lt. H. N. Cooper and Lt. W. Robson (right and left respectively) came second and third. All three are from 40 Commando. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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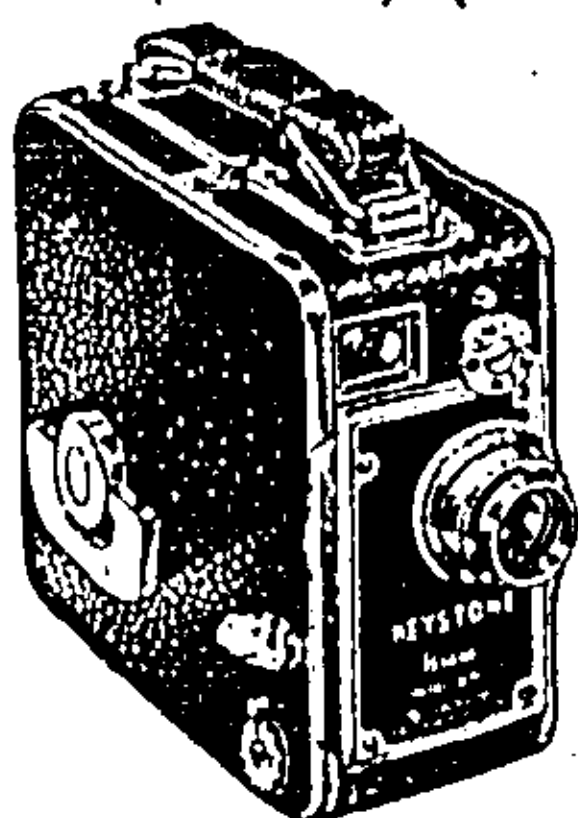
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Let Paris Check Your Sportswear Ideas

LOOKING at the new Paris collections with an eye to the sportswear future, here are some stimulating ideas to check.

In silhouette, the shift back to more moulded fronts, while retaining bloused backs, is something to note carefully.

Easy manifestations of straighter lines are in the moulded neckline, contours with fullness below; the "windblown" front and back line at Paquin, the supple vertical lines suggested in neck-to-hem pleats at Dior.

Designers have shelved it for summer, because of laundering problems chiefly.

The still-moulded suit jackets, with hip-accenting pleats, and the still-coming slim and boxy sack-jackets, sound most interesting for suits. The latter hints at boyishness again.

Some individual ideas and designs which may be stimulating:

The skirts with oval apron fronts, called "almond skirts," at Dior. And double-apron front dresses at Mangin.

Half-length "blouses" of allover embroidered gray tulle, bloused to a plain hipband and shown over a slim gray wool skirt, at Griffe.

The straw-lace jacket shown over a dress, at Balenciaga.

Tunics slit over dresses, Chinese in feeling, at Molynoux.

Bras with knickers, and some knickers under wrap-on skirts at Gres.

Embroideries in a big way—embroidered linen and beaded-crepe, for example.

Even feathered linens, at Fath.

The "shutter-jacket" at Balmain—made of narrow strips faced in contrasting colour.

Jackets inspired by smoking jackets, at Fath.

A Spring Perennial



By Vera Winston

EACH year, that perennial spring harbinger, the navy dress with white touches, takes on a different approach. This season's version is especially neat and pretty as evidenced from the sketch above. It is a new model of navy wool crepe with stiff white silk faille for the detachable collar and cuffs, the collar posed over the navy wool collar beneath. A fly front closing on bodice and a skirt that is entirely pleated, with pleats sewed down to mould the hip-line are other details. A navy suede belt completes the outfit.

For the beach, elasticated strapless sweaters are gradually taking precedence over shirts and ordinary sun-tops. Women believe they are comfortable and attractive.

At all the shows so far this year we have seen quantities of knitted lace, and at Dorville I saw many sweaters with double lace filling at the neck, lace yokes, or lace collars.

The prettiest sweaters for young girls are the ones with deep off-the-shoulder neckline and tiny cap or puff sleeves. One I saw was pale blue, with flower motif embroidered all over in tiny coloured beads and sequins in pale pastel colours.

Colouring was often adventurous. A light purple sweater

had narrow horizontal stripes of pale blue, yellow, tangerine, black and deep purple, from neck to waist.

The sweater world is a limited one, try as designers will, they cannot make a sweater look like anything else. So they often turn their attention to unusual decoration on the basic garment, and the latest craze is for cellophane strips to be knitted into the fabric. This gives a glistening effect all over. Sometimes the cellophane is in stripes across the sweater; sometimes it decorates a yoke only.

Gold tinsel thread, worked into the design, is also becoming popular. I saw a green and gold cap sleeved sweater with a gold tinsel thread collar. A plain black wool sweater had a latticed tinsel thread yoke.

TINFOIL & CORK

Oddest of all was a beige sweater with low curved neckline, which had scattered all over it discs of gold tinfoil.

Over it discs of gold tinfoil, which were stuck smaller circles of cork. We feel inclined to ask why, and foresee dreadful calamity when cleaning time comes. Although, upon reflection, I suppose cork circles on a sweater are no more ludicrous

SPRING SWEATERS are novel and fanciful

LONDON,

ALTHOUGH scientists would have us believe that the world is getting warmer by degrees, Englishwomen take a great deal of convincing. The new tight-skirted suits they have accepted with their usual equanimity, but the elaborate brocade or lame blouses have had a chilly reception. To English women a suit must be accompanied by a sweater. Proof of this can be seen in the increasing numbers of unusual sweaters seen in the London shops, both for day and for evening wear.

Dorville, which specialises in knitwear, has perhaps the most representative collection in London, and illustrated on this page are two typical sweaters from this house.

ANGORA CURE

In spite of the fact that angora is reputed to shed fine hairs in all directions (and usually does), the popularity of these soft-as-silk garments is in no way diminished. From a fairly reliable source recently I heard that a certain "cure" for moulting angora gloves is to wrap them up and place them in a refrigerator for a couple of days, but I hesitate to recommend this treatment!

Deep purple, mauve, pale blue, and black, seem to be favourite colours. Sleeves are either tiny, or the large dolman type. Many fell straight to the hips, like a middie blouse, while others had very high corseted waists.



Evening sweater by Dorville in fine black wool with deep cowl collar edged with double row of wool frilling in black and ice-blue.



Glamorous angora bathing sweater also by Dorville with tunic and swathed dunces' cap also in angora.

than peanuts on a summer hat, or walnuts on a beach dress!

Speaking of beach clothes, one sweater I saw insisted upon being asymmetrical to a high degree. It was black knitted cotton with a cape sleeve on one side, and an arrow strap on the other.

I particularly admired an angora reversible waistcoat in pale blue and black, and a scarlet monkey jacket to wear over a summer dress. We have already seen corduroy and felt here in the shops, and now knitted berets have appeared. Also in the millinery line, there were reversible scarf hats with long ends that could be left hanging or wound round the neck for warmth. Colours were attractive: Chocolate/pale blue; coral/navy; royal-blue/black; lilac/blackberry; pale grey/dark grey. A patriotic stocking cap was in royal blue with scarlet ends finished with a white pom-pom.

The Feminine Figure From 1850-1950

THE feminine figure has changed a lot since the day of Venus de Milo. Changed for the better, we think. But when we take a look at the fashions of the last hundred years and the strange and wonderful

Mother was proud, and Mother was modest. She smiled though her corsets were killing her and never, never mentioned them when gentlemen were present.

Gibson Girl

Corsets were "straight-front" in the Gibson Girl era. Waistlines were a bit larger than they were in Grandma's day and the Gibson girl felt very emancipated. She was the first "shirtwaist girl." She ran pink and blue ribbons through her "corset cover" which daringly showed through her "peek-a-boo" waists. She didn't mind showing a trim ankle and contrived to exhibit an inch or two of starch of white petticoat as she stepped onto a car.

But she was still painfully modest. Don't forget the long black stockings and the beloved knee bloomers and full pleated skirts on her bathing suits.

At least she was feminine! Came the twenties, and our girl ceased to be that. It was her aim and ambition to be as curvaceous as a boy. Bras came in... in a manner of speaking... but their job was to subdue curves, not enhance them. And as for corsets, they came as near going out as they have in a hundred years. For why wear a girdle under a four-sack? There was at least one period in the twenties when dresses were shapeless sheaths, with holes for neck and arms, and a string tied, not around the middle, but at the hips.

Curves Come Back

And then figures came back. Girls began looking like girls... bras began helping instead of hindering and girdles



got to work slimming hips and giving hosiery a chance to show what a firmly garbed stocking could do. And now we have nylons that are light as air, innocent of bones, and more flattering than Mother's "iron-maiden." Who says that styles aren't better? Who says that the girl of 1950 isn't just as pretty and twice as comfortable as the belle of 80 years ago?

SPRING JEWELLERY HAS A TOUCH OF THE 20'S

COLOUR IS big news in spring jewellery. Pastel pearls, brilliant and pastel enamels, coral, turquoise, moonstone and opal are all styles to watch for. Opal in particular, is staging a strong comeback.

Two colours together are better than one. Look for combinations of coral and pearl, turquoise and pearl and white beads used in combination with gold and silver.

Crystal Comeback

Crystal with pearls is a fashion headline, imparting a new formal look for springtime. Crystal, so popular back in the 20's, has staged a spectacular comeback. Old-fashioned jet is good with patent leather accessories. Cuff bracelets and earrings, all identified with the 20's, are all high in 1950 fashion favour.

Everything has a new dimensional quality—not flat, but high and raised with domed, and high surfaces paved, heaped or encrusted with stones and beads.

Ear-Top Earrings

Earring news includes top-of-the-ear interest. A Paris dress-maker has chosen a rhinestone model which covers the ear completely and comes over the cheek. A gay earring features cherries and cherry leaves on gold wire at ear top, and two cherries at the lobe.

Look for big-type necklaces, to fill in open necklines; look for pendants and cluster arrangements.

The new sleeves demand bracelets—even important looking bracelets in multi-strand pearls.

Long hair again by winter say hairdressers

LONG hair will be fashionable again by the end of the year, according to leading London hairdressers.

By then, they say, so many people will be wearing their hair in the short cut that fashionable women who want to be "different" will revert to long styles.

"In ten to twelve months' time we shall encourage our clients to grow their hair a little so that they will still be the leaders of fashion," one London hairdresser said.

"At first false hair will be popular to give the illusion of length while women's hair is growing.

"But before this happens styles will get even shorter. They will go to a shingle-peak at the back, but will be soft and feminine, and nothing as ugly as the Eton crop will return."

A Berkeley Street hairdresser reports that many of his customers have already tried growing their hair.

"But they soon have it cut short again when they see the result."



By Christmas this style will be "old fashioned" say the hair stylist.

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Authoress Suggests . . . How To Choose Your Husband's Suitings —

A WIFE may buy most of the family's apparel, but a man's suit is one article that the husband usually insists upon choosing himself—although perhaps considering her good judgment. In any event, little has been done to help men become better suit buyers.

There is a new publication entitled "Buying Guide on Men's Suits," based on research done in the laboratories of the U.S. Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics.

The man who works in an office may find satisfaction from a suit made of fine, soft worsted, such as sharkskin or unfinished worsted, this booklet tells us, but the man whose work takes him out-of-doors will find better service from a twist, homespun or other rugged cloth.

such as a serge, is that they are likely to become shiny. Tweeds and homespun—popular with women as well as men—fall into the class of "woollens" and are also long-wearing and wrinkle-resistant. They are less firmly woven than the worsteds and do not keep their shape or press as well.

Twists—yet another kind of woolen—feel and look stiff compared with the fine worsteds. They are good buys for men who give their suits very hard wear. Men need to know their fabrics because the name of the cloth—whether gabardine, tweed or the like—is not always a reliable guide to its quality. Miss Scott brings to our attention that the same names used for high quality suitings are also used for suitings cheapened with lower grade wools or other fibres to cut the cost of manufacture.

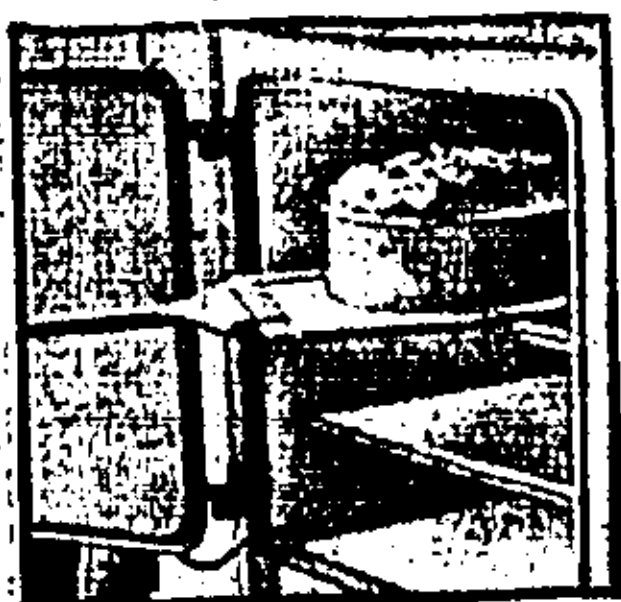
Fibre-content labels required by Federal law offer some help. They give the kind of wool, and how much the suitings contain, and percentage of other fibre.

To judge and choose cloth for a suit, Miss L. Scott, author, says it is important to know the strong and weak points of the different suitings.

Worsteds, those including serge, gabardine, sharkskin and unfinished worsteds, are the long-wearing and wrinkle-resistant fabrics. You can identify them by their close weave and hard finish. One disadvantage of smooth fabrics without a nap.

This week's GADGET

By JOAN DALE



THIS special gadget is most useful for removing hot meat dishes, cake tins and casseroles from the oven without burning the fingers. It is made of aluminium sheet, turned up at the sides to prevent the tin from slipping off. Blade is 11 in. by 3 in., with an 8 in. handle made of plain beech.

(London Express Service)

ADD AN EXTRA POUND RECIPE

TO BUILD UP the reserve that eventually forms extra pounds, your goal should be 3,500 calories every day. Eat slowly; rest fifteen minutes after eating; avoid tension and strain at all times.

Here's a menu for one day which you can use to pattern all your meals. One pound a week is about all you can expect from it if you know your weight level is stubborn:

BREAKFAST, 895 calories: 8 oz. orange juice, 2 slices whole wheat toast, buttered, 2 tsp. honey, 1 egg with 2 strips of bacon, or whole grain cereal with top milk, coffee with cream. Mid-morning, 100 calories: Glass of milk.

DINNER, 990 calories: Roast veal with dressing, boiled potato, cream style corn, tossed green salad with French dressing, roll and butter, rice pudding, tea or coffee. Before bed, 200 calories: 8 oz. milk and 4 graham crackers.

LUNCH, 845 calories: Cream of asparagus soup (cup), grilled cheese sandwich, cold sliced cucumber, 8 oz. milk. Mid-afternoon, 460 calories: Chocolate malted milkshake.



SCIENTIFICALLY PLANNED LIGHTING in the bedroom includes two pin-to-wall lamps over the bed equipped with diffusing bowls for easy-on-the-eyes light; twin dresser lamps and a ceiling fixture for general illumination.



THE LIVING ROOM, 17 FEET SIX INCHES by 11 feet 4 inches, has a wood-burning fireplace, built-in book shelves and large picture window. The floor lamp has a diffusing bowl for glare-free light just right to read or work by.

TREATMENT FOR COMMON MUSCLE CRAMPS

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

MANY people suffer from sudden painful knotting up of the muscles of the legs. These muscle cramps may result from a variety of disorders; hence, a knowledge of the cause must precede any attempt at treatment.

A deficiency of calcium or lime salts in the blood is one of the common causes of muscle cramps. This lack of calcium may, in turn, be due to failure of the parathyroid glands to make enough of their secretion. It may also result from insufficient intake of calcium, an excessive loss or lack of vitamin D.

Muscle cramps may also occur when there is a loss of chlorides from the body due to excessive vomiting or the taking of too much of an alkali preparation,

such as baking soda. Excessive sweating and diarrhoea, as well as failure to get enough salt, may also cause muscle cramps. They occur in diseases affecting the nervous system, such as paralysis agitans and epilepsy. Muscular cramps may follow exercise, chilling, and muscular fatigue.

Effective

Muscle cramps occur especially in elderly persons during the night. Recently, a number of these patients were treated with ammonium chloride, a drug which increases the acidity of the body. This is given in tablet form, three times during the afternoon and evening. It was found that such treatment was effective in preventing these cramps in three-fourths of the cases. The

treatment is carried out for from two to four days and is then stopped until the cramps recur. When the treatment is successful, it is found that the patient is free from cramps for a period of from three to 20 days. When they recur, the treatment is again administered.

No ill effects were noted in the patients. However, continued treatment should be avoided in patients with kidney disease or those who have some other condition which may lessen the amount of alkali in the blood and tissues, for the degree of acidosis produced by the giving of ammonium chloride may result in an excessive or dangerous acidosis. Those who suffer from muscle cramps will do well to consult with their physician concerning this type of treatment.

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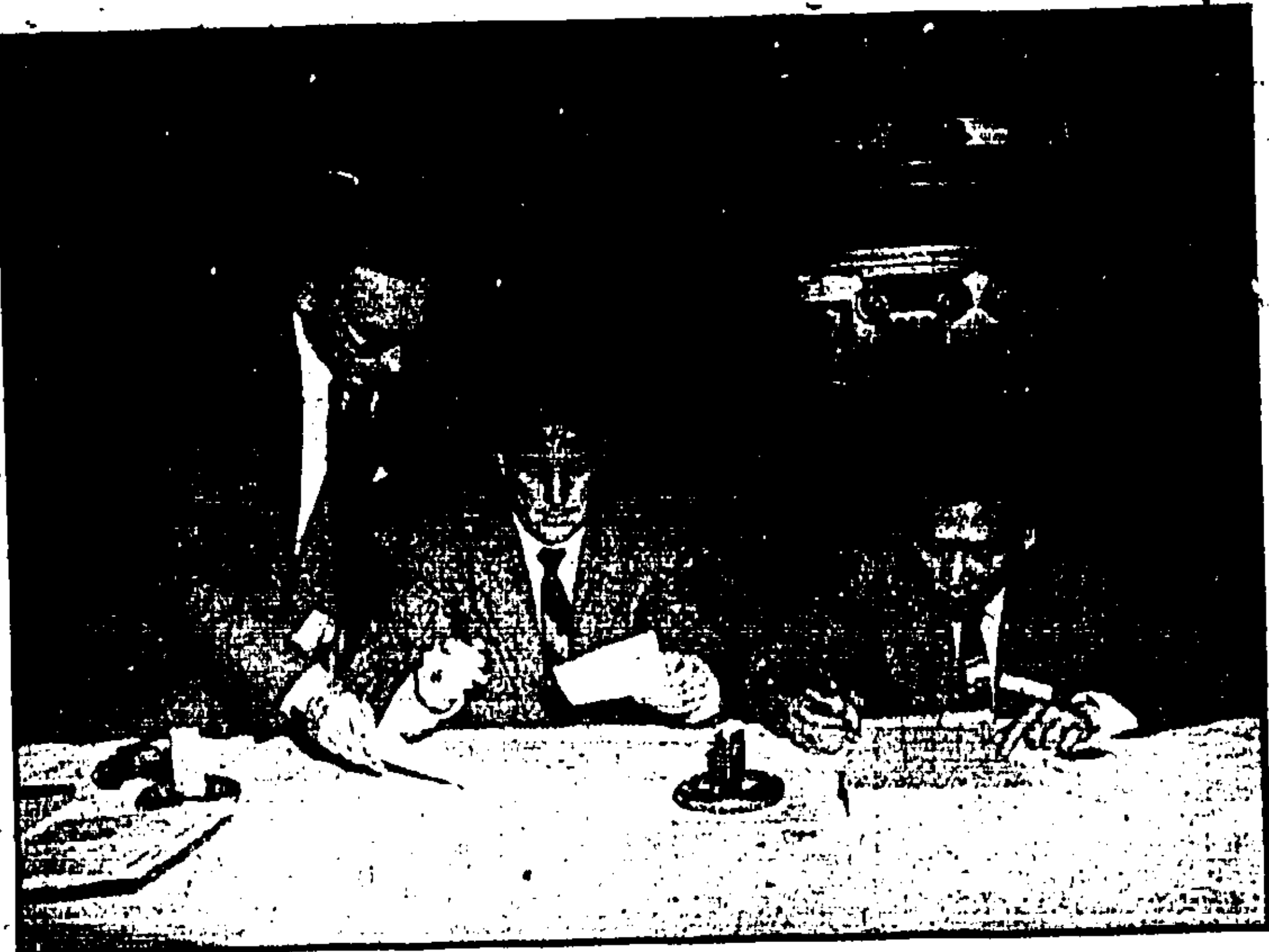
THE wedding of Mr Lee Ming and Miss Tsong Chiu-kwan at St John's Cathedral on Tuesday brought together two prominent Chinese families. This group picture was taken after the church ceremony. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



TWO scenes from the ballet programme presented by pupils of Miss Carol Bateman at the Tai Ping Theatre on Tuesday. Left: Norcen Maycock and Kirsten Rasmussen in the juvenile leads of "Hansel and Gretel." Above: Ensemble from the same programme. (Francis Wu)



MISS Lila Vincent (sixth from right) and some of her pupils after a vocal recital given at the Diocesan Girls' School on Tuesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR H. Howell, Vice-President of the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Messrs M. J. Oromus and Alexander Ng, members of the Board of Directors, at the election of officers of the newly-formed organisation last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs A. J. Eger with their children after the christening of the youngest, Rita Annabel, at St Joseph's Church last Sunday. (Ming Yuen)



GROUP picture taken after the wedding at the Registry recently of Mr. W. L. Arter and Miss Choi Yun-hing. (Nathan)



MR Edward H. Lockwood, who is retiring after 35 years' service as Advisory Secretary of the Chinese YMCA, speaking at a farewell party in his honour held at the Cafe de Chine. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MRS B. Hall, Commandant of the VAD, greeting the GOC-in-Chief, Lt-Gen. Sir Robert Mansergh, at the farewell party given in her honour on Wednesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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ABOVE left: Guests at the third birthday party of John Pope, son of Mr and Mrs C. Pope. (Ming Yuen)



A very enjoyable Easter party was held last week at Buxey Lodge, one of the Government hostels. The hosts and guests pose for a group picture above. (Ming Yuen)

Week-end Football

THE KOREANS ARE HERE ONCE MORE FOR A SOCCER FESTIVAL

BY "UNOMI"

Today all roads will lead to Club ground, Happy Valley, where the visiting Korean team play the opening game of a series in another visit to Hongkong.

The Koreans paid us a visit in January of last year and proved their ability by decisively defeating Hongkong by a score of 5-2. The visitors' side for the present series includes five members of last year's successful team. The lanky, bespectacled inside-left who was captain will be in today's line-up.

The Hongkong selectors have chosen a strong side, which introduces several newcomers to the Colony XI. Iau Yung-sang, who has only recently recovered from a leg injury, has lost a lot of his sparkle, but together with Chiang, the St Joseph's left-back, can be relied upon to form a fine defence.

Hayes, the Commando centre-half, gave a sterling display in the International Cup Final last week and if he produces the same form today, everybody will be happy.

Santos, at left-half, is probably the youngest player ever to be selected to captain the Colony XI.

Little need be said of the capabilities of Ho Yung-fun and Yiu Cheuk-yin, the Kitchener pair who form this afternoon's right wing.

Galvin will have his debut in the Colony team as partner to Lee Tai-fai. Both are clever ball players who should be able to combine nicely.

The forward line is led by Brown, the Army's dazzling centre-forward, who has struck top form in the past few weeks. He is a forceful player who, if given proper support, will be a constant menace to the Korean defence.

SUNDAY'S FEATURE
The Korean team will play a Combined Chinese XI on Sunday on the same ground and at the same time. When these two teams meet last year it was the best match of the series. Hongkong managed to win by scoring a last minute goal.

The Chinese selection for tomorrow's game contains six Kitchener players, four from the Kowloon Motor Bus team and one surprise selection, Lai Wai of the Police. Youth and experience mingle in the line-up.

Woodcock Is To Move Into The Royal Suite

What sort of a Saturday story can we concoct from a man called Salts, Queen Victoria's bath, a Rolls-Royce, an ancient castle with an unpronounceable name, a 7½ lb. baby, the Heavyweight Championship of the World, and the relief of Ladysmith?

IT might go something like this:
Bruce Woodcock, due to fight America's Lee Savold at the White City on June 6, is almost certain to round off his training at Gwrych Castle at Abergele, North Wales.

Back to normal after the arrival of his 7½ lb. daughter, Woodcock is having his manager, Tom Hurst, travel to Abergele to tie-up details with the sole owner of the castle, Mr. Leslie T. Salts.

If arrangements are satisfactory, Bruce and party will move into the Royal Suite—four rooms, including the bath used by Queen Victoria—during the first week in May.

Mr. Salts, who bought Gwrych from Lord Dundonald—descendant of one of the heroes of Ladysmith—is planning a zivvie Woodcock welcome in the banquet hall. He is also putting up a ring and other training equipment in the "backyard" for the 2,000 people to watch our heavyweight champion watch out his sparring paces.

The Royal Suite at Gwrych is going to be a bit different from the stable loft in which I used to watch Woodcock train at Dalby, near Doncaster, but the 1950 Bruce is a much more adaptable fellow than the shy young countryman, whose instinct was to shuffle away at the approach of strangers.

A lot more confident, too. Our No. 1 Heavyweight is lacking, what he calls "the Savold job" in a frame of mind that bodes no good at all to the man from Minnesota.

and it is to be hoped that these will blend properly.

St. Joseph's forward line was most disappointing although their attacks were always in the swift raid style and kept the Kitchener defence alarmed and alert.

IMPASSABLE

Castillo eventually switched to outside-right, Xavier going into the middle, but it was of no avail. St. Joseph's defence was impassable. The visitors had a good defence with Kwok Yung-kee, in the unexciting position of left-back, once again showing his versatility by turning in a fine performance.

Ng Kee-cheung's display at centre-half was flawless. The half-back line kept a tight grip on the Saints' forwards.

Chu Wing-kun was the player who did the most damage forward. He used his speed to advantage and often ripped open the opposition's defence, but the other forwards made little use of his good work.

Ho Yung-fun and the youthful Yiu Cheuk-yin were clever, but Lai Shun-wing and Chang Kai-hoi slowed up the line. A noticeable feature of the game was the continual switching of positions of all five Kitchener forwards. This, however, did not upset the resolute St. Joseph's defenders. Full marks to the Saints for providing us with such fine entertainment.

The Junior Challenge Shield was won by Army, who decisively beat the Commandos by 3-0. Army were much faster on the ball than their opponents. The inside-men gave a grand display, using their wings with fine crossfield passes.

Margden scored a spectacular goal, dribbling past four defenders to slam the ball into the net.

INTERNATIONAL FINAL

The International Cup Final—China v. Portugal—played last Monday was another close game. China won by the odd goal in five, the winning goal being scored from a disputed penalty kick awarded against England a minute from full time.

The English showed fine fighting spirit. China opened the scoring, then Margden equalised. The Chinese once again took the lead and held on to it grimly until five minutes from the finish.

England's centre-forward, Brown, proved his match-winning ability by netting one of his goals after chasing a long clearance from Hayes, the centre-half, collecting and carrying it on to score with a smart shot from 10 yards out.

The penalty in the last minute finally settled the issue. Outstanding for England were Fairbrother, Tozer, Hayes and Woolton. China was well served by Yue Yiu-tak, Lai Wai, Ng King-cheung and a sprightly forward line.

KMB-DISAPPOINT

In a First Division League game last Sunday, Kowloon Motor Bus, who were at full strength, disappointed their supporters by losing 2-1 against a makeshift St. Joseph's side.

Hau King-sing in the Saints' goal had many fine saves. Pittman, a newcomer to the St. Joseph's team, was prominent in the pivot position, allowing Tang Yee-Kit little scope.

THE BRAVES ASSEMBLE



The Braves, Junior League Champions for two years in a row, assemble here for a group photo as a Senior Division team that reached the Final Play-offs.

The Braves are:

Standing (from the left): Robert Remedios (Coach), Edó Almeida, Gerry Gosano, Avichi Yvanovich, Gussie Pereira, Spiky Gutierrez and Charlie Figueiredo (Manager).

Squatting (from the left): Chappy Remedios, Tony Osmund, Ramon Loureiro, Carlos Remedios, Tony Alves and Junior Remedios.

SOFT BALL

Senior League Play-Offs Continue This Week-end

BY "STARDUST"

Softball's Senior League Play-offs continue this week-end. At the moment, Frank Cleary's Americans seem to stand the best chance. They have beaten the Braves and Jaguars in the first round, but it is not improbable that the tables will now be turned in the return engagement with Jaguars at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow.

Braves, twice Junior Champions, will cross bats with the all-powerful St. Joseph's in their second game in the play-offs. One interesting game in the Ladies' Junior League is down for decision this afternoon when Mike Lee's McTyreians meet the Squaws of Beautiful Joyce Guest.

A full programme of Inter-Hong and Midget League matches is scheduled, with St. Joseph's Civil Service and Delawares-Ac's matches taking the spotlight.

ALL OUT

Frank Cleary's Americans beat the Jaguars in the first round and there is every reason to believe that they will go all out to repeat their triumph.

But Chief Jaguar Ollie Vas is certain to send out his strongest gang into the diamond in view of the "life and death" struggle which the Americans are sure to put up.

The battery of Vic Pedruco and Frankie "Samba" Correa will be a menace to the Americans.

Although beaten by Charlie Figueiredo's Braves in the first round, the Saints' hopes run high once again.

Captain Dave "Bambino" Leonard will see to it that no "cockleheads" or "showman-ship" will be allowed to creep into the Saints' squad. The Saints are a real peppy outfit and should come out well on top.

The Braves' stock has gone right up since their show against the Saints and the Jaguars in the first round, and they are expected to beat the Saints in their return engagement. Whether or not the Braves will live up to the standard of which they are capable is always problematical, for their playing has been inconsistent.

ECHO AND RE-ECHO

Softball has certainly caught on again as witness the crowd of spectators every Sunday. Softball's 1949-50 season is the most controversial and full of several ways, the oddest that the game has ever known.

The number of entries received in the six organised Leagues was well up to expectations. For the first time in the local history of the game there are the finishes and the championships have to be decided on the results of play-off matches in both the Men's Senior and Junior Leagues.

It is generally agreed that more people are taking to the game and the youngsters are developing to take the place of veterans who have been in the game long beyond their time.

John Macadam's Column

MUCH ADO ABOUT 16 LUSTY LADS

At a rough estimate, some 2,000,000 people in these British Isles and many thousands further afield detached themselves from their normal mid-Saturday chores in order to watch or to look-in at the Boat-race.

Would any kind observer of the human scene please tell us how a purely domestic argument between two schools of scholastic thought has built itself up into the greatest drawing-card in the sporting calendar?

Not a half of one percent of all the people professing tremendous interest in the affair has the remotest connection with either Oxford or Cambridge.

Apart from odd half-crowns betted at the last moment or on some sort of same-as-last-year basis, there is no betting. If you join one of the numerous private parties for beer and sandwiches you see about three minutes of it.

If you go on the towpath you run the risk of either being trampled to death or shoved into the river.

If you get on a bridge you get abdominal strain and rupture of the Achilles tendon, to say nothing about rush-of-blood-to-the-head.

If you follow the affair in a launch you get disoriented with spray, and cold and get only a guess at what's going on ahead.

WHAT HAS IT GOT?

If you listen to it on the radio or watch it on television you get belittled at by the commentator, and, one way and another, what's the thing got that convulses the whole country year after year on account of what is essentially a village green rivalry?

Sixteen lusty lads carrying two small passengers pull themselves backwards around four and a half miles of the awkward part of the River Thames in something like 20 minutes when any of the rowing-wearing crowd on the towpath could have told them they could do it with an outboard motor in half the time.

Any fisherman could have told them, too, that the proper way to propel a rowing boat is by standing up in the stern and pushing, not pulling. That way, you can see where you're

going and enjoy the scenery without the hazard of touching another rower's oars.

But there it is. Year after year they go through with their glorious display of strength, and when it is over, they go back to their colleges and resume their studies of the law, medicine, the Church, and the rest of it.

'IN MY DAY....'

And, in the appropriate stage of later life, they come out on the towpath or on somebody's riverside lawn, or on some club-house veranda wearing strange jackets and little caps normally forsaken by the British at the age of 14 and say things like "In my day...."

Never mind. It always is their day. They are an essential part of the English scene, the English tradition, and there is as much chance of changing that as there is of explaining it.

—London Express Service.

CHAMPION



This is Willie Hoppe, a champion who is looking for a worthy challenger. Willie is the World Three-Cushion Billiard Champion and he heard about Ezequiel Navarra, of Argentina, as a possible challenger. So he has gone to Argentina to investigate and play a match with Navarra. If the Argentinian wins, Hoppe will take him on in a title match.

New Parliament Should Play Better Cricket

In one respect—and perhaps there is more than one respect—the new Parliament is an improvement on the old. It should play better cricket.

The two Houses may be able to field one of the strongest sides for years. A fixture has been arranged for Saturday, June 3, when eleven members—Peers and Commons—meet Pirbright Cricket Club on Pirbright Common.

As a nucleus the Commons have two county players in Aidan M. Crawley and Hubert Ashton.

Crawley, 42 on Easter Monday, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air, played for Oxford University and Kent.

Ashton, now 52, Conservative member for Chelmsford, turned out for Cambridge and Essex.

STRACHEY OUT FOR 3

Mr. Strachey, who was at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, is a cricketer, too. I recall that he played for the Lords and Commons last year. He made three, caught after ten minutes' batting.

Others who can be called on, if engagements allow, are Lord Dunsford and Lieut-colonel W. H. Bromley-Davenport.

EVEN WINNIE

Mr. Winston Churchill has done most things worth while—from winning wars to painting pictures and building walls. But never till the other day had I heard of him as a cricketer.

Apparently he was no star performer at the game, for 32-year-old Harry Allen, a former member of Sandhurst College ground staff, has just said of him:

"He was not a great cricketer and I often had the privilege of taking his middle stump at the nets for a shilling."

Allen was recalling Mr. Churchill's days at Sandhurst. He never lives in retirement at Woking.

—BRUCE HARRIS

—London Express Service.

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



BREAKING THE TIE



Nee Chi-kuen, Shanghai Warriors' guard, breaks the 34-34 tie with Arellano University in the match at Caroline Hill. Picture shows Nee leaping up to catch the ball if it rebounds off the edge. His team-mate, Wu Ching-chang, backs him up. Warriors led 36-34 after this, but the game still ended in a tie at 37-37. —Telegraph Staff Photographer.

Who says British men are worst dressed?

THE YANK SAYS: Their collars gape and pants bag
THE BRITON SAYS: At least we're fashion conscious

A LITTLE war over the "well-dressed" Englishman, and whether he is the third worst-dressed man in the world, broke out in Fifth-avenue New York recently.

A fashion magazine began it by opening a campaign to dress American men in the style of an Old English Look.

It printed pictures of handsome men in bowlers, velvet-collared overcoats, and with tightly rolled umbrellas. Edwardian styles are back, the magazine decreed.

Columnist Robert Ruark, who has lived in England, promptly blew his buttons with pops that might have been heard in Savile Row.

Roared the anguished Ruark: "British men dress worse than any men alive, except Frenchmen and Spaniards. Collars gape, pants bag."

"The Englishman is less heedful of soup on his lapels or stew on his waistcoat than any national I have ever met."

"Only an Englishman would wear the same cuffs and collar three days running, until they seem to celebrate a separate mourning for unknown relatives."

"The bowler is merely a felt imitation of the pot which British barbers use to square off haircuts. All British hair seems to be cut with a knife and fork."

"I say boastfully that the American male is the cleanest, neatest, most tastefully dressed creature in the world."

Watch The Birdie!

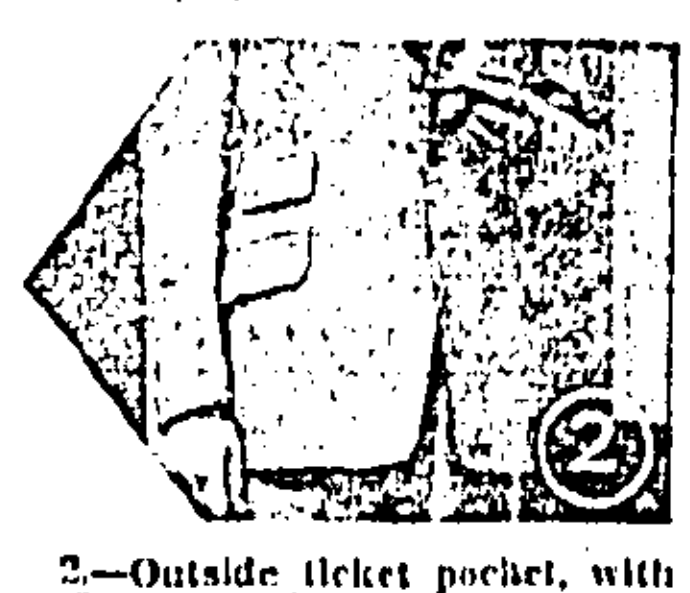
BING CROSBY is trying to decide whether to give up his idea of playing in the British Amateur championship at St Andrews, because it may mean too much work.

He got out of hospital the other day after an appendicitis operation, and said:—

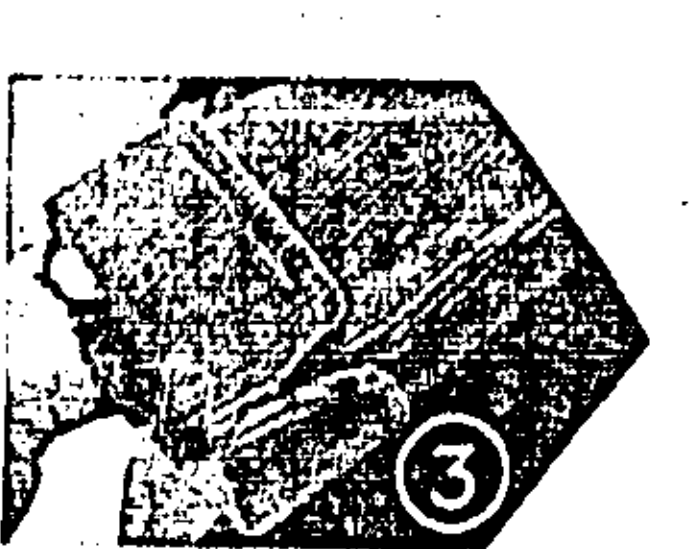
"I have had at least 35 cabled requests for charity benefits."



1.—A waistcoat cut square instead of in long points. Note the two deep pockets in place of the normal two-up and two-down style.



2.—Outside ticket pocket, with a flap matching the larger one just below it.



3.—Sleeve with turned back cuffs. One advantage for this: the water will not need a ticket pocket. But the style is the current hall-mark of a tailored suit.

London Express Service.

NEWELL ROGERS' American column ONE MAN'S LETTERS—FIVE MILLION OF THEM

NEW YORK. THE pale April sunlight sifts down among the great elms and oaks of America's Hyde Park—F.D.R.'s former home, now a national shrine.

Under these trees the late President and Mrs. Roosevelt fed "hot dogs" smeared with mustard to the King and Queen in 1939.

In the library there is a glass case containing a royal "thank you" note.

Just beyond are four locked rooms. Recently they were unlocked to the public.

And in shelves around the rooms are 5,000,000 letters—almost every letter President Roosevelt ever wrote or received.

Roosevelt never throw away letters. In one corner about 750,000 in red folders.

They lay under lock and key. For they hold information which might embarrass living people, or national secrets.

One non-secret message to Mr. Churchill was written on the back of an old envelope. Mr. Roosevelt threw it into the fireplace, but someone rescued

it. F.D.R. wrote: "Ever so many happy returns of the day. I shall never forget the party with Uncle Joe. We must have more birthday parties that are even better."

It was written during the Tehran Conference for Churchill's 50th birthday.

THE OLDEST was a note written by his father announcing Franklin's birth on January 30, 1882.

Another was written to "My dear King George" from the Casablanca Conference in 1943.

It said:—
"As for Mr. Churchill and myself, I need not tell you that we make a perfectly matched team in harness and out and, incidentally, we had lots of fun together as we always do."

A FIRST violinist has been sacked from Pittsburgh's symphony orchestra. The Musicians' Union took away his membership card on the ground that he is a Communist.

The New York School Board found a teacher guilty of falsely denying Communist membership. They sacked her.

And Washington says about 12,000 party comrades face criminal charges if the appeal courts uphold the convictions of 11 party leaders.

THE HERO HAS THE GIFT OF THE EVIL EYE

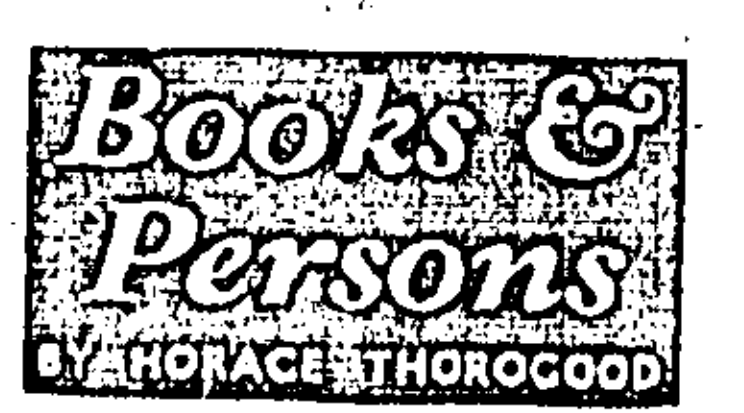
STRANGE how some names call up irrelevant memories. Thus Harold Acton—Oxford trousers. He introduced them when an undergraduate in the 1920s; which has nothing to do with his forthcoming book, "Prince Idiotus" with a hero who has the gift of the Evil Eye, except it shows Acton still thinks on uncommon lines.

He is an unusual, Walter Pater-ish, person. Called his autobiography a year or two ago "Memoirs of an Aesthete."

On leaving Oxford he hailed a world tour to settle for years in Peking, lived in Chinese style, ate Chinese food, learned the language, became Professor of English at Peking University.

Now, like his father, who owned a 15th century villa there, he lives in Florence.

• Another name with association obscuring a versatile talent—Edward Lear. "Nonsense verses" one thinks. But Lear was a brilliant artist (of birds); at 15 was already earning his living by selling his



limited drawings, at 16 was draughtsman at the Zoo, and wrote his Book of Nonsense to amuse Lord Derby's grandchildren during five years' employment by his noble patron at Knowsley.

On Parrots

His first book was called The Family of the Psittacidae. "Psittacidae" means parrots, and as Edward Lear's Parrots Duck-ventures, Snobs, Villains, Grotesques and Valued Friends

• Readers will be struck by the fact that violence and suffering obsess them," says editor Derek (great-grandson of Lear's) Patmore, introducing Oxford Short Stories this week. "You cannot train young men as commandos or

teach them to bomb cities without it leaving some stain on their minds."

• Intriguing title of book due early next year is The Aspidochelone. It surveys those headache years between the two wars.

• Katharine West's good idea, a literary portrait gallery of celebrated governesses in 150 years of English fiction, appears this week. Chapter of Governesses. Novelists have given these poor but honest ladies a bad deal. Mrs. West made her 70 examples fall into seven categories—the Down-trodden, Dragons, Adventuresses, Snobs, Villains, Grotesques and Valued Friends

She is daughter of the late Walter Leaf, banker and classical scholar, wife of Douglas West, the publisher, and mother of Anthony, who, with Newell Rogers' son Dan, is joint editor of the Cambridge undergraduate magazine, Panorama.

—(London Express Service)



New Books by George Malcolm Thomson

A satirical comedy in slow time

THE BOAT. By L. P. Hartley. Putnam. 12s. 6d. 540 pages.

THIS witty, satirical comedy in slow time has a tragic allegory lurking in its corners. Skip the allegory. Here is the broad plan of Hartley's novel:

Timothy Casson, bachelor, aged 30 or so, is driven from his lovely villa in Italy by the threat of war and takes a house on the banks of a river in the English Midlands.

For Timothy the river is the main attraction. He does not like England much; he dislikes the war a great deal. But he is fond of rowing and he has bought a boat.

If Timothy thinks that he is going to while away the empty days of war in his skiff, how wrong he is! How grossly he has underestimated the obstructive tenacity of his neighbours, the local gentry, determined that no boat shall disturb their fishing.

There is trouble in the village, with the vicar, with the evenees, with Captain Sturrock's man, who considers he has a prescriptive right to keep dogs in Timothy's garage.

Timothy seeks refuge from it all in his correspondence. With Tyro, for instance, equally angry with the war and the human race:

"Did I hear you say 'human without using the word in a pejorative sense? What are we fighting this war for?'"

"Frit is a word invented by the Devil to discredit virtue; next being called a bore, it is this charge that the educated modern man fears the most. But I glory in both."

And with Magda, who has joined the Curzon Street Cell of the Communist Party and subplots the war effort in the Ministry of Appearances, until the day Russia is invaded and—nothing else matters!

Magda's emotions then are so deep that she rings up the Danter Hire and is carried off to a nursing home in Grosvenor Square, from which she writes to Timothy on paper headed "Death to the Fascist Dogs and Traitors."

Have you some time on your hands and a taste for the ripple of mannered comedy with now and then a splash of exuberance? The Boat might be your craft.

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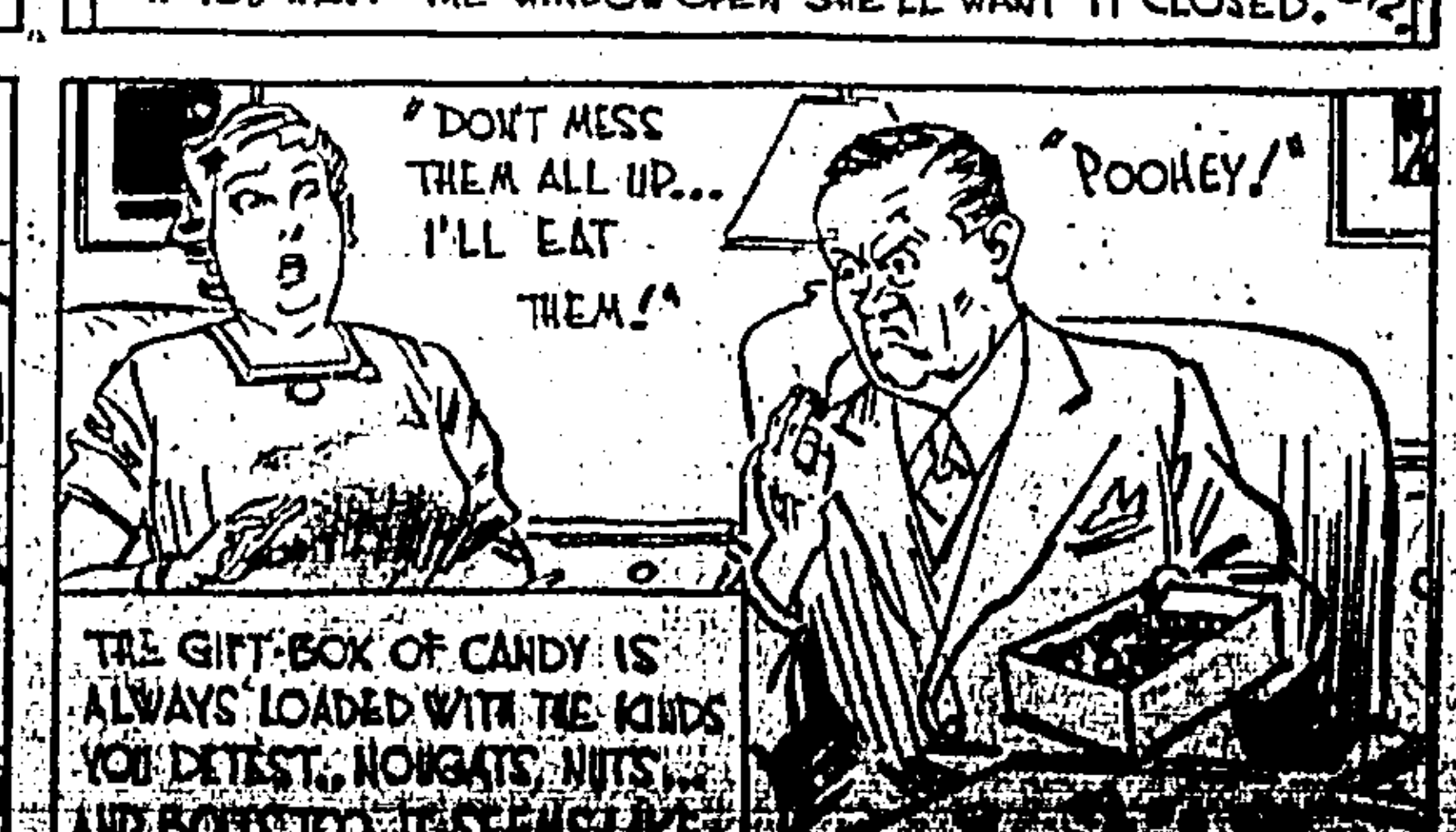
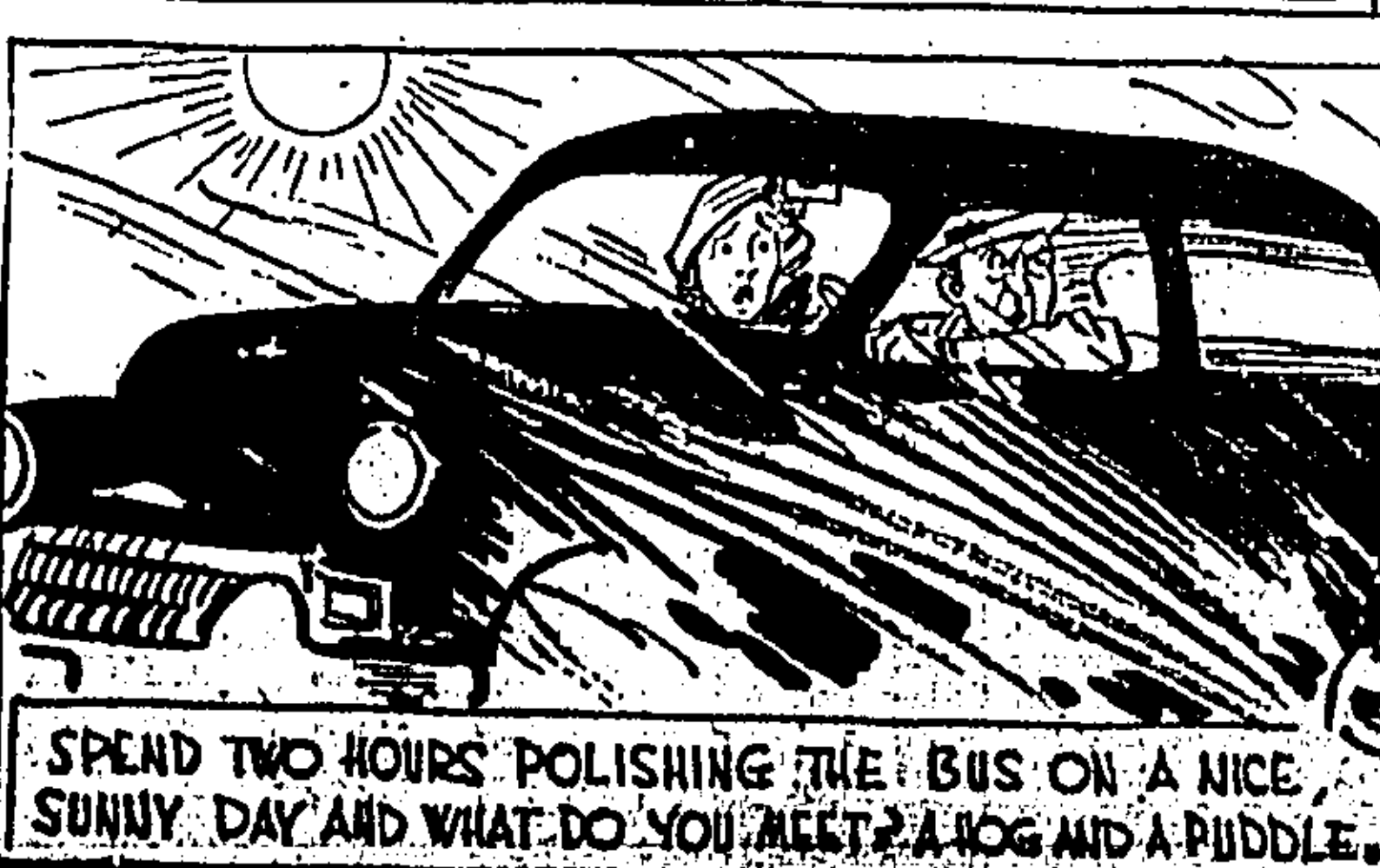
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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

It Never Fails
By KEMP STARRETT





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JOKES

A FIGHT IN THE DARK IN THIS WEEK'S INSTALMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S SERIAL, FIVE FALL INTO ADVENTURE

Dick makes a capture

NEW READERS START HERE

Julian, Dick and Anne are staying with their cousin George (George for short) and her dog, Tigger. George's father has been away for some time, and the three children have been left in the care of their aunt. George and Anne have been very naughty, and they have been sent to bed. Dick is going to look after the house, and he will collect the parcel, and he will see who collects the parcel, and he will see who collects the parcel.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

DICK stood and listened, holding his breath. He could hear no sound except for the rustling of the trees around, and the sudden squeak of a field-mouse. It was a dark night and cloudy. Was there anyone hidden near by, or could he find a hiding-place in safety and wait?

He thought for a few minutes, and decided that there wouldn't be anyone watching the back of the house now that it was dark. Julian and the others would be in full view of any watcher at the front, seated as they were in the lighted sitting-room—there would be no need for anyone to watch the back.

He debated where to hide and then made a quick decision. "I'll climb a tree," he thought. "What about that one just near the crazy paving path? If the clouds clear away I could perhaps catch a glimpse of what the man's like who comes to collect the parcel. Then I'll shine quietly down the tree and stalk him."

He climbed up into an oak tree that spread its broad branches over the path. He wriggled down in a comfortable fork and set himself to wait patiently.

Just as the clock began to chime the hour at eleven, the kitchen door opened and Dick saw Julian outlined in the opening. He had the parcel under his arm.

He saw Julian go swiftly down the path and sensed him looking all about. He dared not give the slightest hint to him that he was just above his head!

HE heard Julian scramble about in the path, and then drop the big stone back into its place. He watched the light of Julian's torch bobbing back up the path to the kitchen door. Then the door shut with a bang.

Five minutes went by and nobody came. Then he heard the lightest sound. Was that somebody crawling through the hedge? Dick strained his eyes but could only make out a deeper shadow that seemed to be moving. Then he could most distinctly hear somebody breathing hard as they tugged at the heavy stone! The parcel was being collected as arranged!

Dick dropped quietly down. He had rubbed shoes on at made no noise. He slipped through a big gap in the hedge near by and stood straining his eyes to find the man he wanted to follow. Ah—there was a shadow moving steadily down the field-path to the stile. Dick followed, keeping close to the hedge.

He kept well behind the moving shadow till it reached the stile, got over it and went into the lane beyond. The shadow went on again. It might be followed and, although it moved quietly, it did not attempt to keep under cover. Down the lane it went and into a field. Dick was about to follow when he heard the sound of voices. They were very low, and he couldn't hear a word. He crouched in the shadow of the gate, which was swung right back, leaving an entry into the field.



Julian flashed his torch and saw Dick rolling on top of somebody.



by G.W. Blythe

A loud noise made him jump. Then a brilliant light dazzled him and he felt that he could duck down behind the gate. There was a car in the field. A car that had just started up its engine and switched on its lights. It was going, moving slowly down to the gate!

The car was soon out in the lane. It gained speed and then Dick heard it roaring off in the distance. He couldn't stalk a car, that was certain! He held his breath, listening for some movement of the other man who he felt certain, was still there.

He heard a sniff and crouched lower still. Then a shadow passed quickly through the gate, turned back in the direction of Kirtin Cottage and was lost in the darkness of the lane.

In a trice Dick was after it again. At least he could track down this fellow! He must be going somewhere!

Down the lane to the stile. Over the stile and into the field. Across the field and back at the hedge that grew at the bottom of Kirtin Cottage.

"Going to get into the house again and ransack it, I suppose!" thought Dick, in a rage. He considered the shadowy figure by the window. It didn't look big. It must be a small man—one that Dick could tackle and bring to the ground. He could yell loudly for Julian and maybe he could hold the fellow down till Julian came.

"And then perhaps we could do a little kidnapping, and a little bargaining, too," thought Dick grimly. If they hold George as a hostage, we'll hold one of them, too! "Fit for fat!"

He waited till the shadow left the window and then he pounced. His victim went down at once with a yell. Dick was surprised how small he was—but how he fought! He bit and scratched and heaved and kicked, and the two of them rolled over and over and over breaking down Michaelmas daisies in the beds, and scratching legs and arms and faces on rose bushes. Dick yelled for Julian all the time.

"JULIAN! JULIAN! Help! JULIAN!" Julian heard. He tore out at once. "Dick, Dick, where are you? What is it?"

HE flashed his torch towards the shouting and saw Dick rolling on top of somebody. He ran to help at once, throwing his torch on the grass so that both hands were free.

It wasn't long before they had the struggling figure firmly in their grasp and dragged it, wallowing in the back daisy bed, to a corner where Dick rested, gasping, that wailing voice! Good gracious—no! It couldn't be—it couldn't be! But it was!

"Put her upstairs," said Julian. "Get her to bed. She's in an awful state now. So am I! I wouldn't have harmed her like that if I'd known it was only Jo."

"I never guessed," said Dick, wiping his filthy face with his handkerchief. "My word, what a wild-cat! See how she's bitten me!"

"I didn't know it was you, Dick," said Julian. "You pounced on me and I fought back. I wouldn't have bitten you like that."

"You're a savage, deceitful, double-dealing little wild-cat," said Dick, looking at his bites and scratches. "Pretending you knew nothing about the man who gave you that note—and all the time you're in with that crooked lot of thieves and kidnapers, whoever they are."

"I'm not in with them," wept Jo. "Don't tell lies," shouted Dick, in a fury. "I was up in a tree when you came and took that parcel from under the stone—yes, and I followed you right to that car—and followed you back again! You came back here to steal again, I suppose?"

"You did! You'll be handed over to the police tomorrow," said Dick, still furious. "I didn't come back to steal. I can't back for something else."

Insisted Jo, her eyes peering through her tangled hair like a frightened animal's. "Ho! So you say! And what did you come back for? To find another dog to dope? Jeered Dick. "No," said Jo, miserably. "I came back to tell you I'd take you to where George was, if you wouldn't tell on me. My Dad would half kill me if he thought I'd split on him. I know I took the parcel—I had to. I didn't know what it was or anything. I took it to the place I was told to. Jake told me. And then I came back to tell you all I could. And you set on me like that."

Four pairs of eyes bored into Jo, and she covered her face. Dick took her hands away and made her look at him. "Look here," he said, "this matters a lot to us, whether you're speaking the truth or not. Do you know where George is?"

Jo nodded. "And will you take us there?" said Julian, his voice stern and cold. Jo nodded again. "Yes, I will. I've been mean to me, but I'll show you I'm not as bad as you make out. I'll take you to George."

NEXT WEEK: Jo Begins to Talk. (London Express Service)

Exclusive!

WHEN you and your best friend feel like being "exclusive," start a "What Is It?" conversation. It might go something like this:

"They certainly keep a person from being lonely." "That's sure, yet I never enjoy one unless I'm all by myself." "At exam time I always wish they'd never been invented." "Yes, isn't it funny? Yet I always take some with me when I go on vacation." "You'll enjoy watching the faces of others who are present grow more and more mystified as they try to figure out what you're talking about. The fun will continue as long as you remember to keep from mentioning the subject of your discussion. Which in this case happens to be books!"

The Inventor and the Water-Bucket

By DAN MURDOCH

A TALL, lanky man walked along a London Street in the year 1790, muttering to himself. People stared at him.

"That's William Wouldhave," someone remarked. "Odd as his name, he is! A crazy inventor."

He never held a job very long, though he'd tried everything from painting houses to teaching music. He was always inventing—an electrical machine, a clock, an organ. But nobody ever wanted to put money into his now-fangled schemes. A cheerful chap, though, always kind and friendly.

On this particular day, an old woman at a street-pump was struggling to lift her heavy water bucket. Wouldhave's big hands raised it smoothly from the ground. Then he stopped short, tipped it one way, then another, then kicked it. He eyed a float in the bucket.

"This wooden float keeps the water from spilling!" he cried. "Where'd you get it?" The old woman stammered, "It's just a round wooden bowl, sir. One that broke in two." "Half a round wooden bowl," he repeated softly. "One quarter of a sphere." Abruptly he kissed the old woman smackingly on the cheek, and strode away. She shrugged, tapped her head significantly, and with a sigh carried home her water bucket.

A few days later, Wouldhave sent plans for his new lifeboat to the government.

A YEAR earlier, a storm had wrecked a ship only 300 yards from land. The crew jumped into the water to try to swim ashore. People stood along the beach, watching. Before their eyes, the sailors drowned, one by one.

This tragedy aroused the English people. The government offered prizes for the best plans for a strong, safe lifeboat. But the Prize Committee laughed at Wouldhave's idea. They couldn't believe a boat's SHAPE could keep it from sinking or turning over. He couldn't persuade them to make a working model from his plans. He did the way he'd lived, poor and unknown. Sixty years later, in 1850, his "self-righting" principle was first tried out. And it worked!

Today's lifeboats and rafts would seem miraculous to William Wouldhave. Two as large as his, they hold up to 300 people. They have 50 different pieces of equipment—tools, signals, blankets, medicines, food, fishing kits, even a Bible. "Guns" can throw life lines to ships many yards away, for people to hold on to and clamber to safety. Swimmers can hold on to grab-rails and ropes all along the gunwales. Once, when a lifeboat capsized, the crew clung to the grab-rail all night. Then, in daylight, they stood on one grab-rail, pulled on the other, and so righted the boat. Then they went on to save 22 other people swimming in the water!

A modern lifeboat can be launched and driven even in a storm. It has sails and oars, besides a motor that keeps running even with the boat full of water. "Sea anchors"—heavy containers dragging behind the boat—spread oil to calm angry seas, and keep the boat from drifting too fast in a gale. Automatic valves drain water off the deck. Many lifeboats today, especially in England, still use Wouldhave's quarter-bowl principle. A newer idea is to have many different water-tight compartments in the bottom. Even if one compartment fills with water the others keep the boat floating. Even 20 holes or leaks wouldn't sink such a boat. The boat and everything on it is made of buoyant material, such as balsa wood or cork.

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CONJURING QUICKIE

THIS is a "cuttle" conjuring trick, easy to do and speedily prepared. Best of all, its very simplicity serves to hide the secret better than many a more advanced magic act.

Take a piece of paper about three inches square. Write on it three names, one above the other, placing your own name in the middle. Then tear the paper into three equal sections with one name on each strip and place these strips in a large paper bag. Shake them well. Then, without looking in the bag at all, thrust your hand in



ROUGH EDGES

and come out with the one strip of paper which bears your own name—not once, mind you, but every time. The secret is painfully simple. The piece of paper on which your own name is written, being the centre piece, has two rough edges. The other pieces have one smooth edge. It takes only a very few seconds to run your finger along the edges of the paper strips to determine which is the one you have promised to fish out.

Willy Had a Terrible Time

—He Found "Sound Language" Very Confusing—

By MAX TRELL

"IT'S no use," Willy Toad was saying in an unhappy voice to Knarf and Hanid, the shadows with the turned—about names. "Every time I go for a visit to town, something happens."

"What happened, Willy?" Knarf and Hanid both asked. Willy looked more unhappy than ever as he replied: "I can't begin to tell you all the things that happened. Not good things, either. And all because I don't understand sound-language."

"Sound—language?" said Hanid. "It isn't English," said Willy. "It's words. It's just sounds. But they all mean different things. And you have to understand all the different things they mean else you find yourself in trouble."

Knarf and Hanid begged Willy to explain exactly what he meant "because," said Knarf, "we don't know what you're talking about."

"Well," said Willy, "I dressed up in my best coat—the green one with the white stripes—and started hopping down the road to town. By and by I came to the railway tracks. I was just about to cross over the tracks when a bell started ringing. It was just a regular, ordinary sort of bell, and it didn't even sound very pretty, like a church bell for instance. I looked around and was surprised to see that a great many people, and a great many cars all stopped at once at the edge of the tracks and waited, listening to the bell. Now it seemed very silly to me that all those people and all those cars should stop and wait and listen just because that foolish old bell was ringing. So I started right across the tracks saying to everybody: 'You can waste your time listening to a bell. I'm going!'"

"My goodness!" gasped Hanid. "Were you hit by the whistle?" "By the cars? No. By hopping this way, and that way, and by dodging, and running and stopping short and darting forward again, I finally reached the other side. But I lost both sleeves and all the buttons off my beautiful coat!"

"Blowing the Whistle" "That policeman wasn't blowing his whistle just in fun," said Knarf. "He meant for you to stay just where you were, and not to cross the street!"

"Sound-language," said Willy. "How was I to know what a whistle meant? And there were other sounds in town, Willy went on. 'Sounds of horns; and sounds of bells on street-cars; and crashing sounds when cans of ashes were dumped into trucks and dropped back on the sidewalk; and sounds of sirens when fire engines and ambulances were coming. You had to know what all of them meant. I didn't know what they meant when I went to town. But now I do. Fortunately nothing hit me. But,' he said sadly, 'My beautiful new coat is all in rags!'"

Knarf and Hanid thought that as long as Willy was still in one piece it really didn't matter how torn to pieces his coat was.



Willy Toad was all dressed for town.

CURATOR AT 13

By I. R. HEGEL

IF you happen to travel through Clintonville, Conn., U.S.A., you are bound to pass the old brick Clintonville post office, on the third floor of which is a museum started by a boy when he was only 13 years old and already housing more than 8,000 items!

The young curator, Donald S. Smith, now 23, started his collection by bringing home a robin's nest that he placed carefully in his father's barn. After a while, neighbours, admiring the earnest collecting spirit of the boy, offered him old photographs, toys, kitchen utensils, farm implements and all sorts of objects of interest.

The boy's collection grew until it was too valuable to leave in his father's barn so he transferred it to the attic of his home. And just when the Smith home was bursting at the seams, trying to be a residence and museum at the same time, Grandpa William Smith came to the rescue and offered third floor space in the building used as the Clintonville post office, on offer which the young curator quickly accepted.

SCHOOL MUSEUM At 13, Donald Smith left his collection to serve his country at war. But while in the Navy at Okinawa and Saipan, he found new curios to gather. Now back home again Donald Smith is studying American culture at Wesleyan and he hopes to make museum work his profession. Collecting the old and the interesting is a worthwhile hobby whether it leads to museum work or not. It can be a means of money-making. A Sunday school class collected articles that were parts of church history. The articles were housed in a glass cabinet, each piece tabulated, the donor's name printed and a sealed box affixed for free will offerings.

A class in grade school, trying to learn appreciation of free educational privileges, began a school museum, one boy carving a miniature log house of the first one-room school in the district. An old slate, carefully preserved for over a century, was brought in by another pupil.

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DO-IT

By Dale Goss

Things to Make With Materials at Hand

BEAR-E OF MONEY BANK

1. Find small GLASS JAR about 3 1/2 in. high and 2 in. across.

2. Cover top of jar with circle of PAPER. Fasten with a RUBBER BAND.

3. Cut a pattern for bear from folded paper.

4. Put pattern on brown CONSTRUCTION PAPER and cut out.

5. Draw on face with BLACK CRAYON.

6. Paste bear around jar with HOUSEHOLD CEMENT.

FILL with COINS AND HAVE A BEAR-E OF MONEY!

Rupert and the Dragon Pills—4

Chimp yesterday and had a party last night, but one wouldn't work so I brought it back and told him about it and, look, he's given me another one. "You certainly paid him," murmurs Rupert. "Pong-ping laughs. 'Come and help me fire this rocket,' he says, and they set off. 411 RIGHTS RESERVED

ZOO'S WHO MASTODONS MAY HAVE BEEN AS NUMEROUS IN NEW YORK STATE AT ONE TIME AS BEAR ARE NOW. SEABIRDS AND SEALS ARE THE ONLY CREATURES NATIVE TO THE CAMPBELL ISLANDS, 290 MILES SOUTH OF NEW ZEALAND. ABOUT IN THE WILD SOME-TIMES TEACH THE AGE OF 15 YEARS IN CAPTIVITY. THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LIVE TO 20 YEARS.

BRONCHO BILL

Dash for Freedom

By Harry F. O'Neill



CHIEF CRAZY FOLK WARRIORS GRAB THE BRIDE OF BILL'S HORSE.

BLACKIE REARS AND FLAILING HOOPS REMOVE TWO OBSTACLES FROM THEIR PATH.

HOLD THEM, LEAPFROG!

EVIL AND EVIL'S EVILS. THE HANGING MEN SING FOR A CUP OF TEA. THE SILENT MEN OF A RIVER.

SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

McKENNEY
ON BRIDGELead the Bottom Of
3-Card Suits

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

I RECEIVED today's lesson on the play from Mrs Augusta Cantor of New York. In her letter she said she had recently changed her style on opening leads of three-card suits. She used to lead the six spot, if she had three small, say the 6-5-2. Then she would play the five and her partner would have to guess whether she held the deuce. But now she leads the low card if she is leading a three-card suit, even though she does not hold an honour.

This is the way Mrs Cantor gave the play of the hand. Sitting West, she opened the six of diamonds, dummy played low and her partner won the trick with the ten-spot. Her partner then cashed the king of diamonds.

When Mrs Cantor played the five-spot, her partner definitely knew that she was out of diamonds. South had been careful

♠ A Q 8 4	♠ 10 3
♥ K 10 8	♥ 6 4 2
♦ Q 4 3	♦ A K J
♣ Q 3	♣ 10
♠ J 10 5 2	♠ 10 3
♥ 7	♥ 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8	♦ A K J
♣ 7	♣ 10
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♥ 6 4 2	♥ 6 4 2
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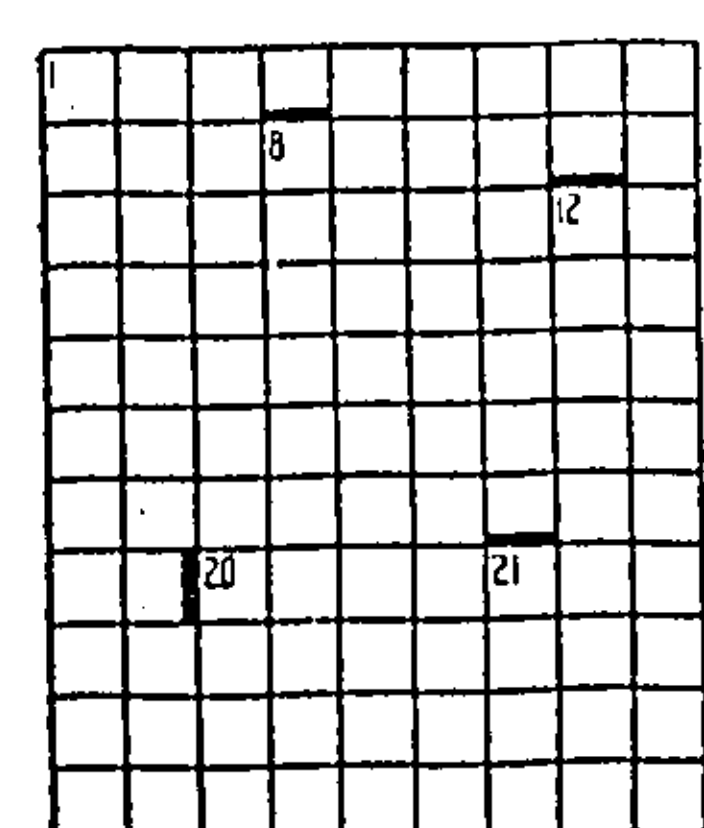
to play the seven and then the eight of diamonds, concealing the deuce. East safely cashed the high diamond and led the fourth diamond.

Declarer ruffed high, shutting out Mrs Cantor's ten-spot. There was no way now that declarer could play the club to keep from losing a club trick.

Mrs Cantor said the hand provides the following lesson: No. 1—Lead the top of a two-card suit, but lead the bottom of a three-card or longer suit. No. 2—If in doubt about a lead open your short suit when you are short in trump, but lead a long suit when long in trump.

Mrs Cantor further stated that many players might make the normal lead of the ten of clubs in this hand, but if so, the hand could not be defeated. She followed lesson number two; being short in trump she led the short suit.

SKELETON CROSSWORD



17. It is the matter of the "house".
18. Three of a kind.
19. It is a dead end.
20. Portentous on a hill.
21. Incense to take care of.
22. She returns immediately.
23. Try to entice finally.
24. CLUES DOWN
1. Does it call for some forethought to do this?
2. A sup. maybe of deadly point on the stage might give a free ending.
3. On the stage she might give a free ending.
4. Are they made by the chap who follows the butcher and chaffer?
5. Very much in love with.
6. One kind of grouse.
7. With one change this dog could be a great.
8. It flows into the South Atlantic.
9. An imaginary pianist—female.
10. It is a blow.
11. At one time long in the cricket field.

(Solution on this page)

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You ought to feel flattered that my Aunt Gladys and the children are coming—she and I never could get along, so I know she isn't crazy to see me!"

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

CHEER up, my hearties! There is good news for all those who have been going about with long faces

because of the shortage of atomic bombs.

It is now reported that self-reproducing furnaces will soon be generating atomic energy and breeding ever-increasing stockpiles. I forbear to describe in detail this process, because it is so like the dreams of Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht. Within ten years we ought to have a world crammed with atomic energy, and I will bet six cabmen's hats to a Nicaraguan pomegranate that we shall be told that it is all needed to "increase the leisure of the workers."

Venus in the Ascendant (IV)

THE dwarf led Egham across the courtyard of a comical detached residence, which the Colonel recognised instantly, with a pang, as the summer abode of Ding-Poos. He followed his guide through richly furnished antechambers, until a bearded chamberlain in a yellow overall flung open double doors of gold and announced: "The merchant Shra-Hui." And there she was, changeless and mysterious as the dark lake of Hansi. She was reclining on a gilded divan with a silver lion's head at each corner. A leopard-skin, dyed scarlet, was flung carelessly across her alabaster shoulders. Bellbottom slacks of green and maroon encased her nether limbs. In one hand she held an ebony holder, a foot long, which contained a Mongolian cheroot, rosetipped. The other hand played with a satinwood fan, inlaid with purple scarabs. A supercilious smile hovered about her lips. Her eyes seemed to mock the embarrassed "merchant" as he slowly approached this shining vision.

Pride of Norwich

THAT mouse, Pride of Norwich, to which I referred the other day, is reported to have sung "Sweet Lullaby of Richmond Hill" to a pianoforte accompaniment. One who was present says, rather naively, "Of course, it did not sing the words, and the tune was only a series of squeaks—though not harsh ones—but it evidently tried to follow the accompaniment." Long for the day when this mouse, mounded on a great white horse, undertakes the part of Boris Godounov. I shall be there with a bouquet of cheese.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

If you are born today, you have tremendous energies which need to be properly directed in earliest youth if they are to be used effectively throughout your lifetime. You are one of those individuals with charm and personal magnetism as well as talent. But it is so easy for you to "get along" that it will take some all-consuming desire or ambition before you will call upon all your talents. Only then will you become outstanding in your life career. Mediocrity is yours merely for living! For fame and success you must work.

An excellent judge of human nature, you take sudden likes and dislikes to people. You usually are right in your first estimate, although the proof may not be forthcoming for a long,

long time! Be tactful and diplomatic in this matter or you will lose friends by your blunt, outspoken frankness.

Your emotions are strong and you feel things deeply. You are happiest when surrounded by congenial people. If you find yourself caught in some unpleasant routine job, get out of it at once. For only work among those you enjoy affords satisfaction. This is also true of your personal life and an early marriage to that "one person" can bring you the ambition necessary for your success.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Rely on brain power rather than impulse to solve today's problems and all will go well.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Tact will tide you over some domestic unpleasantness if you are wise this morning. Afternoon is better.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Confusion may involve your best interests unless you are very cautious now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A complicated day. Take things calmly and you will win out over apparent complications.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Avoid being jealous of others, for it is beneath you. Envy now could become your worst enemy.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Take the lead in something important and you will find the results satisfying and exciting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Early morning tendencies are upsetting, but they should become smoothed out by your patience as the day progresses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Complications can be unravelled if you are tactful and patient. Study all plans carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A journey to visit relatives could prove advantageous. Real estate matters are pending, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Early ups and downs are indicative of the entire day; so be patient and all works out favourably for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you think things out clearly and concisely this morning, all problems will disappear quickly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Don't swim against the tide this morning. Be conciliatory to suggestions for the best results.

If you are born today, there is considerable genius in you but it needs careful cultivation if you are to reap the best results. Parents of children born on this day should see to it that their children have careful direction. Find out what that "one specific" talent is and then develop it. The rewards in later life will be great.

You who have grown to adulthood without proper guidance, still can make use of your creative power if, as soon as you discover it, you make the most of it. You have persistency and courage. Just make sure that this is guided in the right direction. You have considerable originality of idea and once you have put your ideas into action, you will find that

the gratification from an initial success will goad you on to further achievements.

You have the habit of making influential friends and these will be able to help you at some important phase of your development. Don't lean on them, but call upon them if you find all your own initiative has failed to open some door you know should swing wide for you! You will be able to reciprocate when you have reached the fame and success which ultimately should be yours.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—The new moon brings new opportunities. Exert yourself to the utmost and you now may gain your objective.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—The next five days are excellent for beginning a long journey or consummating new plans. Be constructive.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Take the leadership in some new plan or idea. You can push it through successfully at this time.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Relax today and get prepared for added activities tomorrow. In other words, get on your mark and set!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You can assume the leadership in some new enterprise in the month ahead. Make plans carefully now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—One goal accomplished, you can set your aims toward another new one with prospects for real success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—If you are co-operative and constructive in all your activities, you can anticipate success now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A better job and improved health should indicate a steady advance in your major life interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Meticulous attention to detail work and careful planning will bring excellent results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The next four weeks show an increase in your influence. You should advance along desired lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A new enterprise should get off to a fine start for you. Make careful plans and put them into production.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Establish yourself in some new line of endeavour and your prestige and importance will increase.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

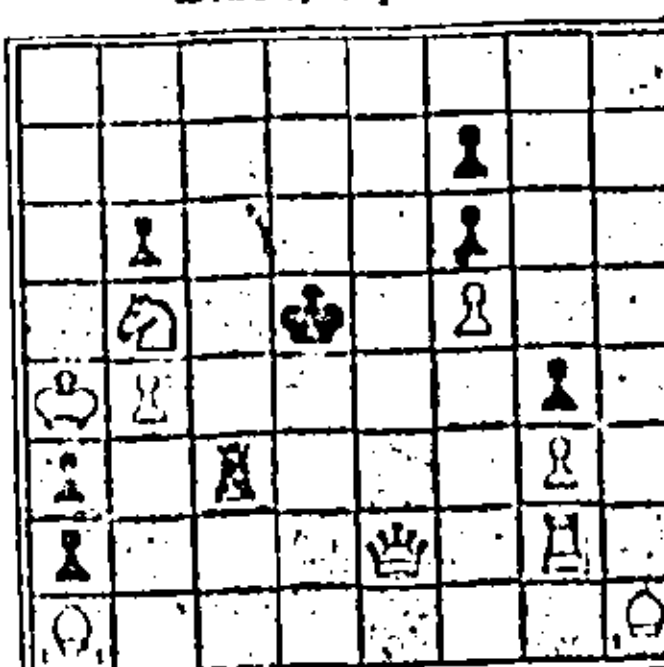
Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

Across: 1, Wiper; 4, Coup; 9, Drowsy; 13, Elope; 14, Vet; 15, Dozed; 16, Rook; 18, Ace; 19, Seas; 20, Emir; 22, Err; 23, Ado; 24, Out; 25, Maze; 26, Dim; 27, Weeds. Down: 2, Idler; 3, Protract; 5, Oyez; 6, Undecided; 7, Ponderous; 8, Revision; 10, Opposed; 11, Wed; 12, Smoker; 17, Gar; 18, Amaze; 21, Mud.

Solution of Skeleton Crossword on this page:

ACROSS: 1. PROPER; 2. PROPER; 3. PROPER; 4. PROPER; 5. PROPER; 6. PROPER; 7. PROPER; 8. PROPER; 9. PROPER; 10. PROPER; 11. PROPER; 12. PROPER; 13. PROPER; 14. PROPER; 15. PROPER; 16. PROPER; 17. PROPER; 18. PROPER; 19. PROPER; 20. PROPER; 21. PROPER; 22. PROPER; 23. PROPER; 24. PROPER; 25. PROPER; 26. PROPER; 27. PROPER; 28. PROPER; 29. PROPER; 30. PROPER; 31. PROPER; 32. PROPER; 33. PROPER; 34. PROPER; 35. PROPER; 36. PROPER; 37. PROPER; 38. PROPER; 39. PROPER; 40. PROPER; 41. PROPER; 42. PROPER; 43. PROPER; 44. PROPER; 45. PROPER; 46. PROPER; 47. PROPER; 48. PROPER; 49. PROPER; 50. PROPER; 51. PROPER; 52. PROPER; 53. PROPER; 54. PROPER; 55. PROPER; 56. PROPER; 57. PROPER; 58. PROPER; 59. PROPER; 60. PROPER; 61. PROPER; 62. PROPER; 63. PROPER; 64. PROPER; 65. PROPER; 66. PROPER; 67. PROPER; 68. PROPER; 69. PROPER; 70. PROPER; 71. PROPER; 72. PROPER; 73. PROPER; 74. PROPER; 75. PROPER; 76. PROPER; 77. PROPER; 78. PROPER; 79. PROPER; 80. PROPER; 81. PROPER; 82. PROPER; 83. PROPER; 84. PROPER; 85. PROPER; 86. PROPER; 87. PROPER; 88. PROPER; 89. PROPER; 90. PROPER; 91. PROPER; 92. PROPER; 93. PROPER; 94. PROPER; 95. PROPER; 96. PROPER; 97. PROPER; 98. PROPER; 99. PROPER; 100. PROPER.

CHESS PROBLEM

By K. TRAXLER
Black, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-Q7. 1... RXB; 2. B-R6; 1... B-B1; 2. Kt-K4; 1... P-B5; 2. Q-KR1 (ch). 1... others; 2. P-Kt4 (ch).

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

It is hardly necessary to analyze all possible ways of totaling 90 cents with the stamps of the three values specified. Their average value is 6 cents, so we shall be well advised to consider selections of from 15 to 16 stamps.

It will be found that 14 stamps can be used in three ways:

(a) 10 7-cent stamps and 4 1-cent stamps.
(b) 8 7-cent stamps and 6 1-cent stamps.
(c) 6 7-cent stamps and 8 1-cent stamps.

No number of stamps lower than 14, or higher than 16, can be used in more than two ways.

So the six selections are shown above for a better and to be able to select the best one.

On her envelope Mrs. Tinker had stuck eight 7-cent, two 7-cent and four 1-cent stamps.

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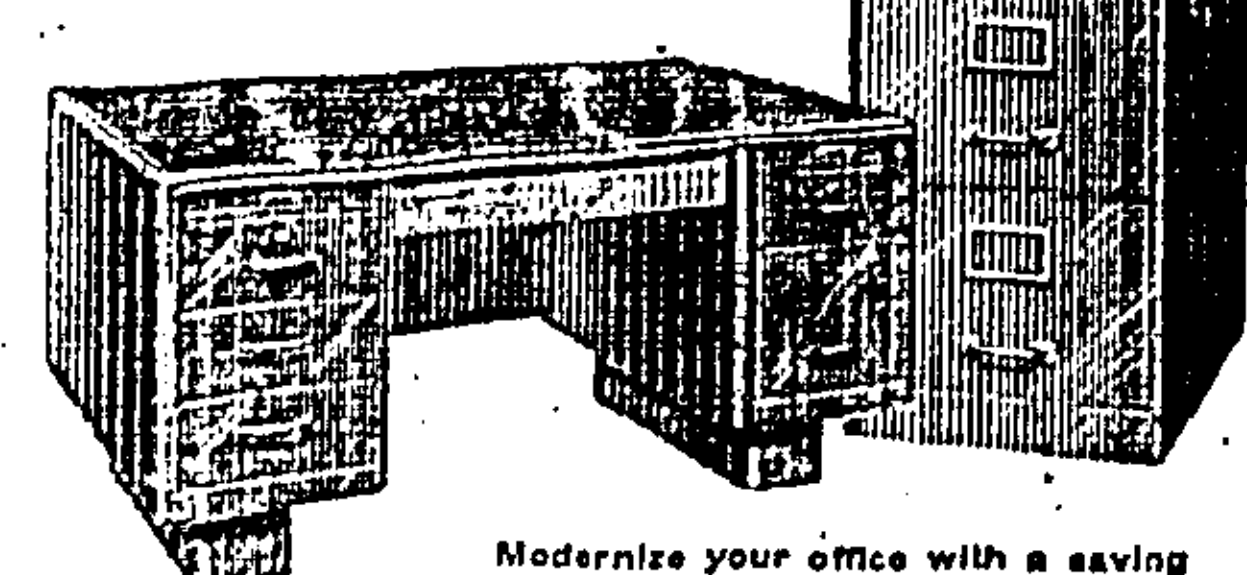
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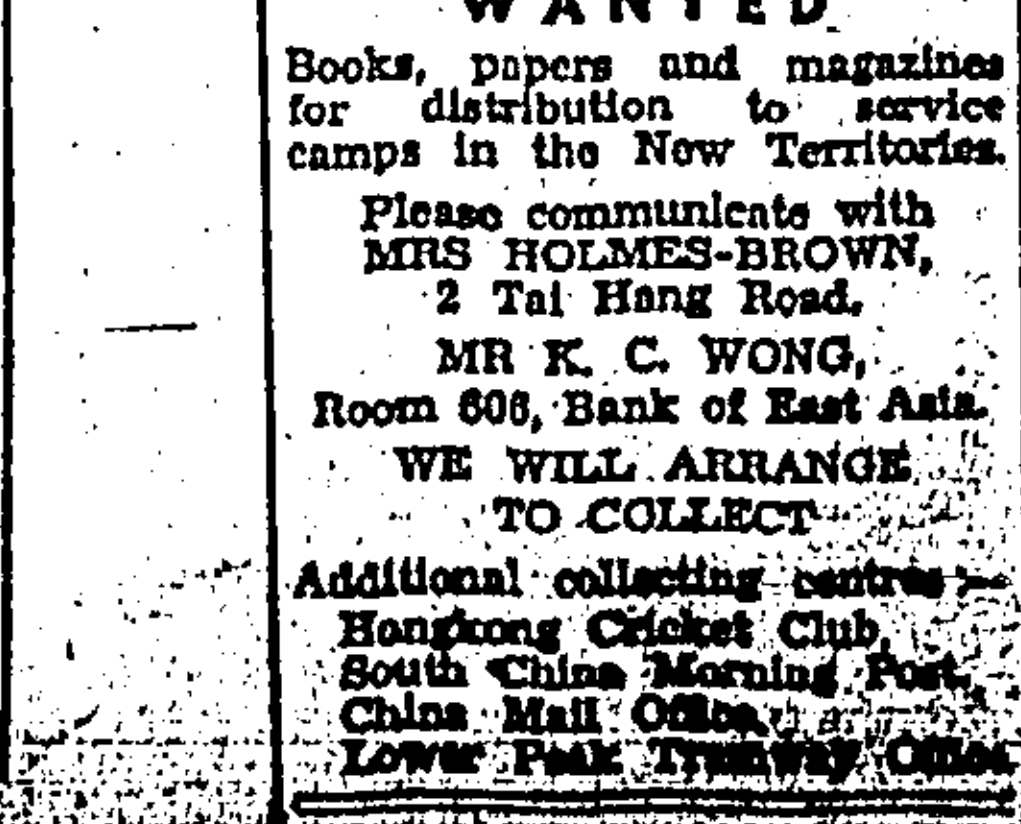
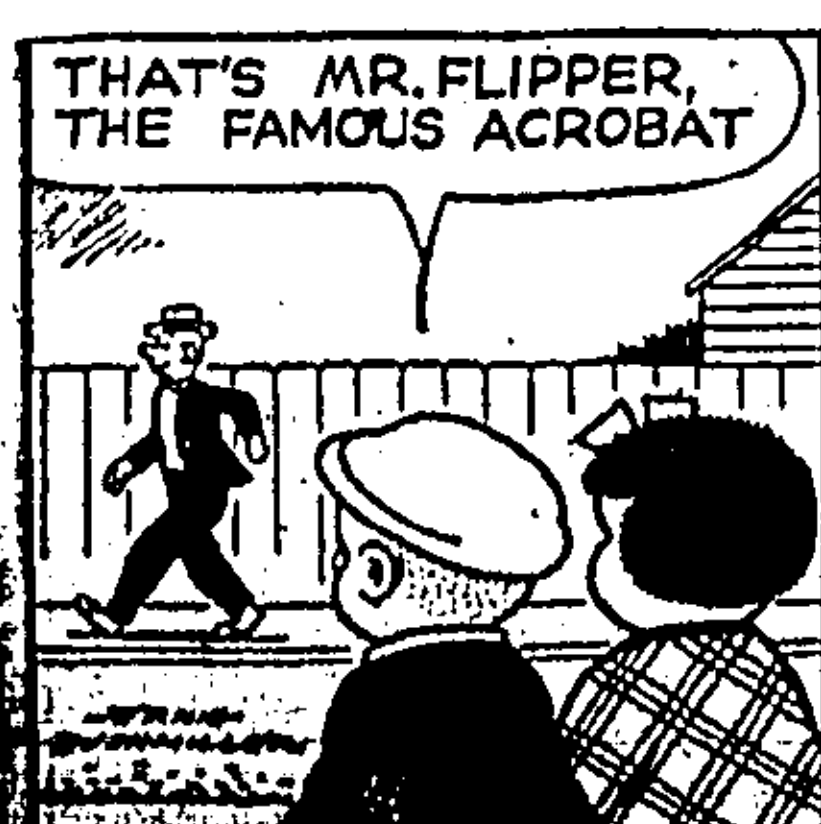
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NANCY

Advance Billing

By Ernie Bushmiller



INTERNATIONAL SOCCER: SCOTLAND TRIES TO LAY HAMPDEN BOGEY

Glasgow, Apr. 14.—The prospect of a trip to Rio to contest the World Soccer Cup finals gives Scotland added incentive to beat England in the International match at Hampden Park here tomorrow.

Scottish officials have stated that they will enter the World Cup only if they win or draw, but victory would also enable them to retain the International Championships and, at the same time, lay the "Hampden bogey."

Pakistan Batsmen Cautious

Karachi, Apr. 14.—Pakistan, continuing their first innings here today when the second day's play in the Test with Ceylon opened, scored 220 for six when the stumps were drawn. Ceylon were dismissed yesterday for 162.

Ceylon were kept in the field the whole day by the Pakistan batsmen who, playing the accurate attack with the utmost caution, collected a labourious 220 runs for the loss of six wickets.

Pakistan now has a first innings lead of 58, with four wickets outstanding.

While the Ceylon fielding left little to be desired, Navaratne behind the stumps was particularly active and gave a fine display. His smart stumping was responsible for the dismissal of Anwar Hussain (50) and Maqsood (51), who appeared well set for a big total.

Deoxyan was the most successful bowler, claiming three wickets for 49 runs.

After lunch play continued on a dull note with batsmen overcautious against an attack which, although accurate, lacked variety. Anwar Hussain came first to fall when he was smartly stumped by Navaratne shortly after collecting his 50.

The Pakistan skipper, Mohammed Saeed, did not last long and after having two "lives" gave Deoxyan a return catch. Dinslaw was run out due to a misunderstanding with Maqsood. Trying to steal a single he was caught halfway by Dalpathado, who whisked off the ball.

Maqsood went trying a big hit off Goonesena, Navaratne came off him, Asghar Ali and Wazir were together at the close with 28 and 18 respectively.—Reuter.

WEEK-END SPORT

TODAY

Athletics—Army finals at Soekunpo, 2.15 p.m.
Cricket—Hampden, Sheffield Match: Kowloon Cricket Club v Hongkong Cricket Club at Cox's Path, 1.45 p.m. (First Day)

Football—Korea v Hongkong at Happy Valley, 5 p.m.
Second Division League: Army v CAA at Happy Valley (Army ground), 2.30 p.m.
Solicitors v Navy at Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls—Opening Day at Cranstoner Cricket Club.
Softball—Inter-Hong League: Shell v Mercantile Bank at CBA ground, King's Park, 4 p.m.
Ladies' Junior League: Mercantile v Squaws at CBA, 2.30 p.m.

Midweek League: Mohawks v Blackhaws, 2.30 p.m.; Dodgers v Falcons, 4 p.m., at Recreation Ground, King's Park.
Tennis—Kowloon Cricket Club Tournament, 3 p.m.

TOMORROW

Cricket—Hampden, Sheffield Match at Cox's Path, 1.45 p.m. (Second Day).

Football—Korea v Combined Chinese at Happy Valley, 5 p.m.
Hockey—Association matches: Recreation "A" v Dutch HC at King's Park, 10 a.m.; KTC v Recreation "B" at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Nomads v Army at Soekunpo, 11.15 a.m.; RAF v Navy at Kai Tak, 11.30 a.m.; Chung Tui v Pak CC at King's Park, 11.30 a.m.; Police v Commandos at Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.; YMCA v HKHC at King's Park, 11.15 a.m.

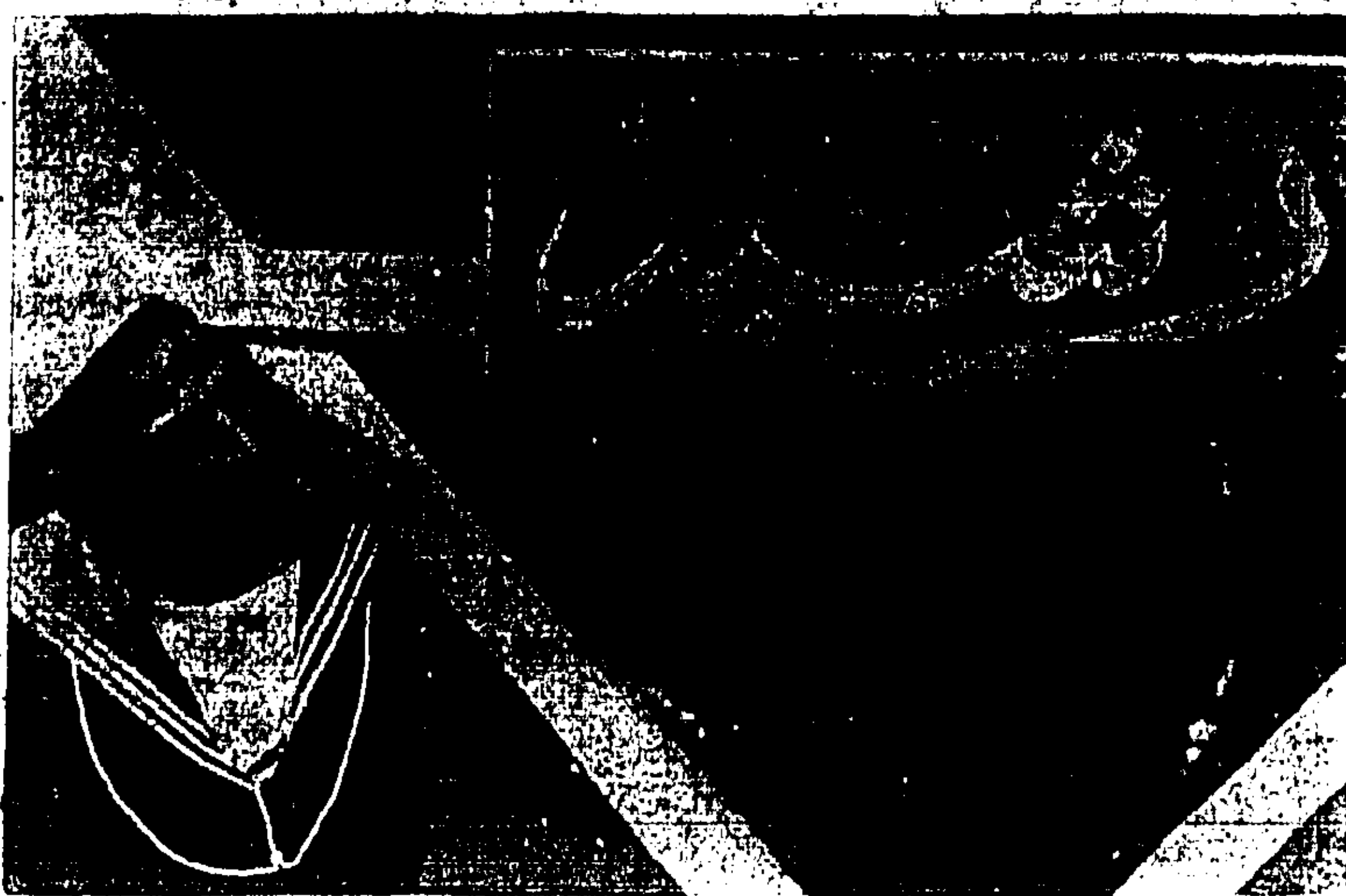
Hunting—Polo & Hunt Club meets at the Hunt Club Stables, Sacred Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

Softball—Men's Senior League Play-offs: Jaguars v Americans, CBA, 11.30 a.m.; Braves v St Joseph's, CBA, 2.30 p.m.

Inter-Hong League: Gallex v San Miguel Recreation, 11.30 a.m.; Stanvac v Civil Service, CBA, 10 a.m.; Union Insurance v Gibb Livingstone, CBA, 4 p.m.

Midweek League: Lions v Bluebirds, Recreation, 10 a.m.; Aces v Stars, Recreation, 2.30 p.m.; Delaware v Blackhaws, CBA, 4 p.m.

Egyptians Have A Word For It



A sailor of the Egyptian Navy takes a pensive look at the bright new name-plate of the R.E.N. "Rashed" as the former British Navy frigate "Spey"—handed over to the Royal Egyptian Navy—sails from Plymouth for Egypt. The "Rashed" was reconstructed at Plymouth.

No Wish To Transfer African Territories

Manchester, Apr. 14.—The British Government should now tell South Africa's Prime Minister, Dr D. F. Malan, that it has no wish to resume negotiations on the proposed transfer to the Union of Swaziland, Basutoland and Bechuanaland, according to the Liberal paper, Manchester Guardian.

And They Were Empty!

Tobermory, Isle of Mull, Apr. 14.—A bulk believed to be a Spanish treasure ship in Tobermory Bay today yielded up its first gift to the Navy's salvage men.

Special new suction pumps were installed in an attempt to clear silt and sand from the hulk in the search for gold, jewellery, pieces of cloth and other valuables.

Up came several empty beer bottles (modern style) then the pumps broke down and operations were suspended for the day.—Reuter.

DR. JESSUP ON Mankind's Main Hope

Washington, Apr. 14.—Dr Philip Jessup said today that the United Nations continued to offer the main hope for mankind "as a medium through which we can work to solve not only political but economic problems, and those of the mind and spirit."

Dr Jessup said he had found "no fundamental differences" separating the "peoples of Asia and the East on one hand and America and the West on the other." He urged private organisations to join the government in carrying out the proposed "Point Four" programme.

He was speaking at a luncheon meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association. Dr Jessup deplored the "alleged differences which are supposed to separate the peoples of Asia and those of the Western world by a vast gulf—I cannot find such differences."

He said that on his visit to 14 Asiatic nations he found there were "true ties of human relationship" between East and West despite Ruyard Kipling's "rather unfortunate couplet."

Dr Jessup said that what the world needed was the "kind of unity flowing from common spiritual and moral impulses which we all consider so essential for the life of mankind"—United Press.

In an editorial today on yesterday's statement by Dr Malan in Cape Town, the newspaper said that the issue was a far bigger one for the British Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs, Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, than the issue of Seretse Khama.

Pointing out that Britain was firmly pledged to take no decision on such a transfer until the peoples had had a full opportunity of expressing their views, the Guardian said: "Everyone knows what their views will be and Dr Malan must realise that no British Government, of whatever political colour, could possibly consent to handing over the territories against the will of their inhabitants."

Stating that the claim had been commonly based on the South Africa Act of 1909, the Guardian said: "It was then clearly contemplated that the territories might some day be transferred."

"But since then changes have taken place which have transferred the situation."

"It is not merely that the South Africa Government's attitude towards the non-European peoples has altered for the worse."

The paper pointed out that it was the constitutional policy of the Nationalist Party to establish a Republic.

Quoting from the South Africa Act on the transfer question, the Guardian drew attention to "the important condition that the King may disallow any law made by the Governor-General and that a law so disallowed will be annulled."

The Guardian concluded: "If the British Government is to judge the proposal on general grounds, then it has over-whelming reasons against consenting to the transfer."

"To do so would betray the peoples concerned to the harshest and most racially prejudiced government in the world, and, indeed, throughout the Commonwealth, an uproar beside which the protests made in Africa would be inaudible."

RAIN SQUALL TRAGEDY

Antigua, Leeward Islands, Apr. 14.—A holiday crowd, caught in a sudden tropical rain squall, stampeded for cover through a narrow gate here and trampled to death 10 people, including six children. Eleven others were taken to hospital seriously injured.

An estimated 2,000 picnickers rushed for the narrow gate of an old estate on Bromstone Hill, St. Kitts, when the rain began.

The estate was the site of the battle between the British and French for St. Kitts Island in the early 18th Century. It is now a holiday spot.—Reuter.

Schoolboys At Golf

London, Apr. 14.—Raj Kumar Pitamber, an Indian prince, gained the Hazard's Golfing Society's only singles at Moor Park (Hertfordshire) today against a team of boy golfers who beat them by 11 matches to two, with two halved.

He defeated Clifford Bland of Yorkshire by one hole. The boys won the singles by seven matches to one, with two halved and the foursomes by four matches to one.—Reuter.

on Seretse's behalf would seem a whisper.—Reuter.

Cape Town, Apr. 14.—The South African Prime Minister, Dr Daniel Malan, when making a statement today of policy towards neighbouring territories, said that a prominent feature of Africa today was the "clash of interests" between white settlers and the policy pursued by the Government in those areas, particularly those under the control of France and Britain.

It was impossible to ignore the fact that there was a conflict in Africa between white settlers and the policies followed by Britain, France and other countries with territories in Africa, he said.

White settlers in Kenya and Tanganyika particularly were uncertain about their future, he said.

They had recently made representations to the Southern Rhodesia Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins, to obtain sympathy and co-operation in getting greater assurance for the future of the white settlers.—Reuter.

MAIN TOPIC FOR BIG THREE

Washington, Apr. 14.—The future of Germany is expected to be the main European topic at the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers' conference in London next month, but American Government officials here today warned against expecting any spectacular decisions.

The overall objective of the British, French and American Foreign Ministers' talks on Germany would be to consider generally her integration—both political and economic—into Europe, and to settle a number of specific problems, it was said.

Among these, according to officials here, might be: Terms for the settlement of debt claims against Germany and the related question of opening up Germany for the investment of foreign capital.

The distribution of jurisdictional powers in the Ruhr Authority. The possibility of formally ending the state of war with Germany.

The economic troubles of Western Berlin. And what to do about the 9,000,000 refugees who have entered West Germany since 1945 from the East and the related questions of unemployment and housing in the West.

But Government officials here emphasised that the Foreign Ministers were unlikely to make any major policy decision, comparable to the Potsdam Protocol last year which established the four big powers as co-equal in the Occupation Statute because it does not come for review until autumn this year, but the American Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, was expected to give his colleagues a "preview" of the American attitude towards the Statute in its present form.

AUSTRIAN PROBLEM
The future of Austria was also on the Foreign Ministers' agenda, the officials here said, but again they did not expect them to discuss fundamental policy changes, such as the possibility of a separate peace treaty with Austria.

But they did expect the Foreign Ministers to deal with ways of relieving Austria of some of the burdens and restrictions imposed by the Allied occupation, on which the Austrian Government itself submitted suggestions to the four occupying powers recently.

The Washington officials pointed out that the scope of the Austrian discussions would depend to some extent on the results or failures of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' deputies who were to meet again at the end of this month.—Reuter.

Anti-Jew Flare-up In Germany

Hamburg, Apr. 14.—Fifty police with two vans escorted a half-Jewish woman home tonight after two hostile demonstrations—the first open flare-up of anti-Semitism in Germany since the war—when she gave evidence against Volk Harlan, the leading Nazi film producer.

The woman, 20-year-old Taring Nishoff, was booed and jeered from the public galleries while giving evidence.

The German President of the court cleared the chamber, but the demonstrators waited outside for her, shaking their fists. They shouted: "You Jewish swine, what do you want here? We do not want you in Germany," when she came out.

German police dispersed the crowd.

At the end of today's hearing, when Taring Nishoff left the court, two people threatened her. No arrests were made, but the police said that they were investigating "this shameful incident."

Harlan was acquitted last year by the same court of the same charge—insulting hatred of the Jews by producing an anti-Semitic version of Neuchwaner's book, "Jew Suss."

His acquittal was quashed and a fresh trial was ordered by the Supreme Court in Cologne. Harlan asked through his counsel that a "real anti-Semitic film," such as the British film, "Oliver Twist," be shown to the court. This request was rejected.

The Allied authorities banned the showing of the film in the British Zone last year after Jews had protested against it.—Reuter.

Quarter-Finals Squash

London, Apr. 14.—Abdul Bari of India today won his quarter-final match in the British Open Squash Rackets Championship at the Lansdowne Club here, beating W. McLaggan of Edinburgh 9-2, 9-1 and 9-1.

Bari always had the upper hand in his match with McLaggan. In the semi-finals tomorrow he meets Gordon Watson of Australia who beat W. Gordon of London 9-1, 9-7 and 10-9 today.

In the other quarter-finals Abdul Karim of Egypt the holder, beat Alan Seymour-Haydon of Middlesex 8-10, 9-5, 9-2 and 9-0, and Jim Denar, of London beat Brian Phillips of Kent 9-0, 9-0 and 9-3.—Reuter.

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 15th April, 1950, at Noon, for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend and bonus, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 4th April, 1950, to 15th April, 1950, both days inclusive.

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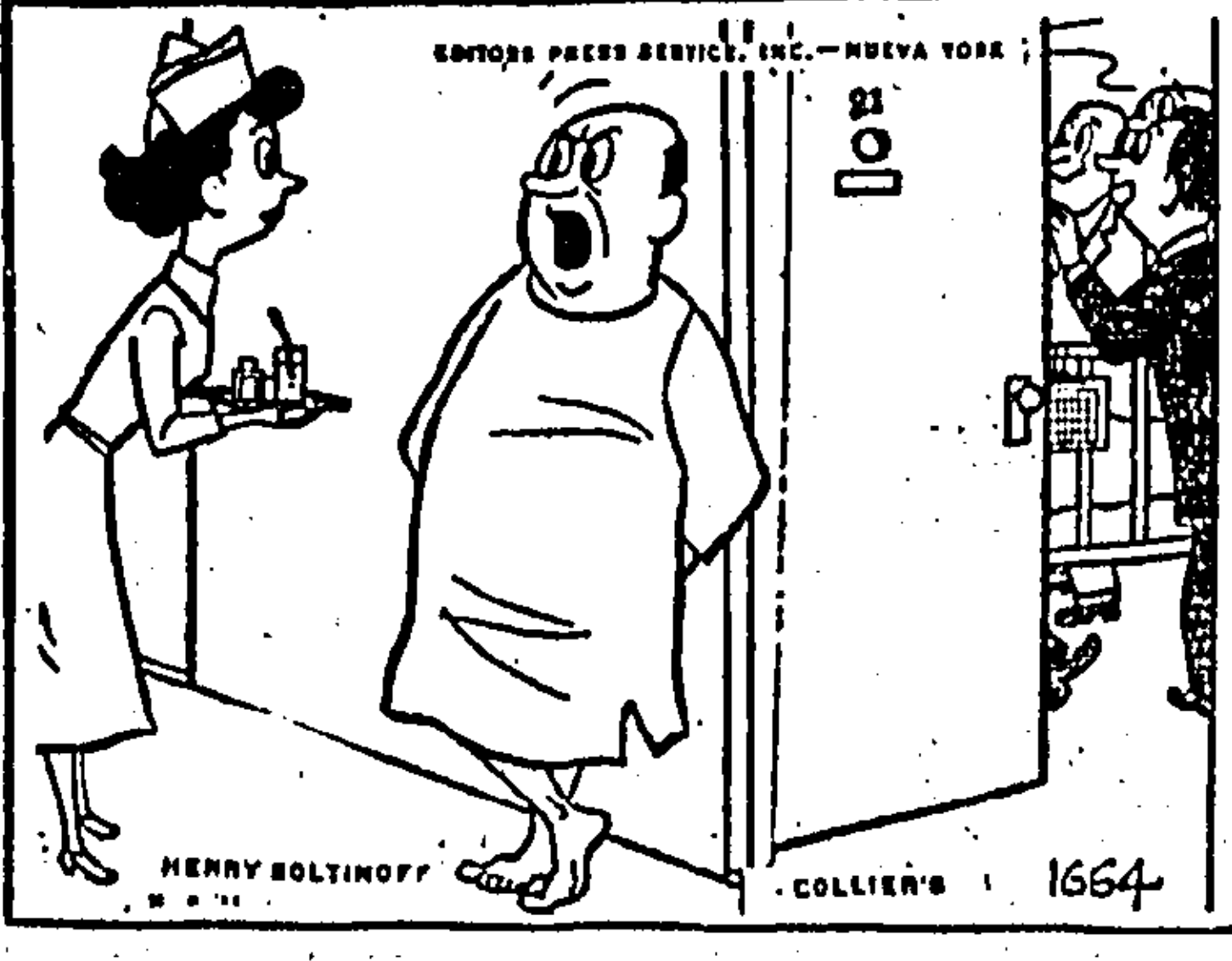
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